



THE BIG IDEA | We can ask God our questions.

SCRIPTURE | Nehemiah Asks to Rebuild the Wall: Nehemiah 2:1-20

INSTRUCTIONS: Bring a bag of blocks to the front with you as you tell the story. Stack one block at a time while you tell the story. Or have the kids build with you.

- Our story today is about a man named Nehemiah. Nehemiah was born long after King Solomon and by the time he was around, the city where Solomon had built the temple, Jerusalem, was in poor shape. The walls had completely fallen apart! That made Nehemiah sad.
- Nehemiah lived far away from that city. He was a cupbearer to a King. A cupbearer is the person who tastes the king's food and drinks first to make sure they are safe for the king.
- The king noticed that Nehemiah was sad. He asked Nehemiah why he was feeling so sad and what he could do to help.
- Nehemiah asked the king if he could go to the city of Jerusalem and rebuild the walls. He also asked if the king would write letters to people who could help Nehemiah.
- The king agreed and sent people with Nehemiah so he would have a safe journey to Jerusalem. And just like our wall here, Nehemiah was able to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

- Nehemiah was wise. He let the king ask what the problem was first, instead of asking to leave for Jerusalem right away. When the king said yes, Nehemiah asked for very important things so that he could get the job done.
- We should always ask questions when we don't know something. God always finds a way to give us the answers we need, so we can ask God our questions!

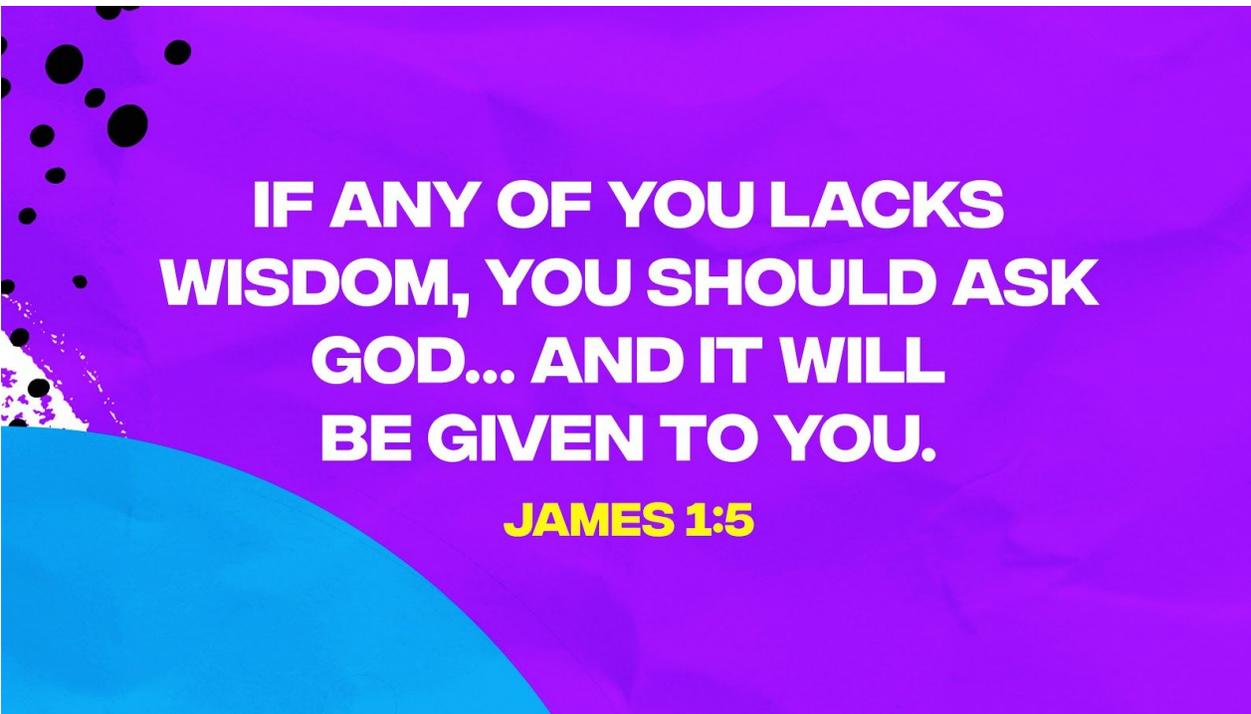
ACTIVITY | Bread Walls

INSTRUCTIONS: Give each kid a plate of fruits (or any other desired snack). Then give each kid a slice of bread and have them try to eat only the inside and leave the crust intact. Tell them to place the bread crust around the fruits. Alternatively, you can have kids rip apart pieces of bread and place it around their fruit. Tell kids that the bread crust reminds us of the walls Jeremiah rebuild around Jerusalem.

PRAYER

- Dear God, We thank You for never making us feel silly for asking You questions. We know You love listening to us and answering our questions. Help us to be wise by asking questions, just like Nehemiah.

MEMORY VERSE | James 1:5



**IF ANY OF YOU LACKS
WISDOM, YOU SHOULD ASK
GOD... AND IT WILL
BE GIVEN TO YOU.**

JAMES 1:5