

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: GOD MADE ME SPECIAL

Nehemiah had a mission—rebuild the walls surrounding the city of Jerusalem. But it was a huge task. The cool thing is that he was able to do it with the help of the people of Jerusalem. Different people in the city took care of different sections of the wall. And together, they got it done! That is a lot like the church—we all have a job to do! God made us each with special abilities and passions to serve in his Kingdom!



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

Nehemiah in the NIV Bible.
Our story is not found in the Read With Me Bible.

STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
All-Stars - Week 4



STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR YOUNGER KIDS: Build a Wall

Materials: Building blocks or Lego bricks

Nehemiah and the people worked to rebuild the wall around the city of Jerusalem. Everyone pitched in and did their part! Different people worked on different parts of the wall.

Give each family member a pile of blocks. Explain that they will work on building their own part of the wall. Each part of the wall should eventually connect to the next.

When you are finished, you will have a big wall that you all built together!

FOR ALL KIDS: Piece It Together

Materials: Puzzle—difficulty based on the age of your kids

We all have a job to do in God's Kingdom! He has given us certain abilities, passions and talents to be used for Him. What would happen if we decided we did not want to let God have those abilities and passions and talents?

Hand out the pieces of the puzzle to your kids, secretly holding back 4 or 5 pieces. Give them time to work together on the puzzle. Eventually, they will become frustrated because they won't be able to complete the puzzle. Pull out the missing pieces and let them finish.

This puzzle helps us understand how important it is for each of us to do our part for God's Kingdom. In our story today, what if some of the people decided they were just tired of helping with the wall and decided to not do their part? Either it wouldn't get done, or someone else would have to work twice as hard to complete it! That would not have brought honor to God.

Let's pray that God will help us discover our part in building his Kingdom and help us to do it!



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