

Explorer's Summer programme

Date : 6th July **Theme :** Nehemiah gets the job done!

Objective : The children will learn about how Nehemiah was so upset when he heard what had happened in Jerusalem and how he decided to go and do something about it. The children can discuss things that they would like to change in the world and if something they do can make a difference.

Time	Activity	Content
10.45-11.00	Worship, birthdays, prayer	
11.00- 11.10		Split into 2 group older and Younger kids. Older children go into youth room. Younger children stay in kids room
11.10-	Story/ video	Younger kids Story of Nehemiah http://youtu.be/Y82-xG26Vyk older kids Minecraft video on Nehemiah http://youtu.be/jd69FeZbEgo
11.15 – 11.20	Game (both groups can do same game)	Relay style : Collect bricks and build a wall with lego
11.20 – 11.30	Juice and biscuits, circle time	Younger children circle time: are there things in the world that make you sad? Can you help? Older children discussion: What upsets you about the world around you? (Poverty, pollution etc.) How can you make a difference
11.30- 11.40	Quiz	P1-P3 Quiz multiple choice Colouring sheet P4- P7 :True or false quiz see below
11.40 – 11.50	Activity	P1-P3 Colouring sheet /Give the kids lego and duplo to play with and see if they can build a city in their groups. P4-P7 :Building the walls. Junk art. Create a model walled city. Competition between groups
11.50- 12.05	Freeplay	

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P4-P7 quiz

Children will need Bibles to look up the following

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. Nehemiah asked all about the Philistines who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and what was happening in Jerusalem." **NEHEMIAH 1:2**
2. And they said to him, "All is well with the survivors. The walls of Jerusalem are tall, and the gates are strong." **NEHEMIAH 1:3**
3. Nehemiah was the king's cupbearer. **NEHEMIAH 1:11**
4. The king noticed that Nehemiah was looking happy **Nehemiah 2:2**
5. Nehemiah asked the king 'If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favour in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I might rebuild it' " **NEHEMIAH 2:4-5**
6. Nehemiah went to Jerusalem for 3 weeks to view the walls. Nehemiah 2:11
7. "When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the walls, he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews." **NEHEMIAH 4:1**
8. Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed they were pleased for the Jews and came and offered their help." **NEHEMIAH 4:7-8**
9. Nehemiah organised half of his servants to work at construction, while the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and wore armour;." **NEHEMIAH 4:16**

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10. It had taken 52 weeks to complete the wall. ." **NEHEMIAH 6:15**