

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020



BIBLE STORY:

Nehemiah 3-6; 12:27-43

BIBLE VERSE:

Psalms 100:4

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

People worked together. (BT)

Nehemiah led the people to do God's work. (P)

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God protected His people. (YK)

God protected His people. The people trusted God and rebuilt the wall. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Proverbs 4:11-27

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Proverbs 4:26

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Proverbs 12:12-20*

MONDAY: *Proverbs 12:21-28*

TUESDAY: *Proverbs 13:1-14*

WEDNESDAY: *Proverbs 13:15-25*

THURSDAY: *Proverbs 14:1-11*

FRIDAY: *Proverbs 14:12-21*

SATURDAY: *Proverbs 14:22-35*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Nehemiah* and *Proverbs* together as a family:



- **Motivated to work.** When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem and inspected the wall, he knew this was not going to be a small task. Nehemiah organized the people into small groups and gave each group a task to complete. Nehemiah organized around 50 different groups working on different sections of the wall simultaneously. With all the work going on in these areas the people were busy, but other people who lived near Jerusalem did not want the walls around Jerusalem to be finished.
- **Distractions to stop.** While the people worked, Nehemiah was being constantly bombarded by men who wanted to stop the work on the wall. Even though Nehemiah had letters from the king, these men were determined to stop the building project. Nehemiah refused to be deterred even when confronted by one man who threatened intervention from the king. Nehemiah trusted God and knew that God had previously answered his prayer by allowing Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem, so Nehemiah prayed again.
- **Faithfulness rewarded.** Nehemiah knew he was doing God's work, so he relied on God to fight the battles of distraction. Nehemiah assigned men to guard the city while others finished the building. In just 52 days the walls around the city were complete, and Jerusalem was now safe from invasion. Those men who were trying to distract the construction process knew there was nothing more for them to do. God had granted Nehemiah and his workers God's favor to finish the building.
- **Two paths.** Solomon, in *Proverbs 4*, identified two paths all people have to choose from. Like the workers and Nehemiah, one path was to follow God. Like the others trying to distract the workers, the other path was to reject following God. Solomon declared that he wanted what God wanted, which that was for people to follow godly instruction. Solomon showed that the path followed by evil people led to wickedness and actions that would displease God. Like Nehemiah encouraged the workers to remain vigilant in their construction and not get distracted by outside pressure, God calls people to righteous living which calls for a disciplined life. Following God brings people closer to Him and builds their trust and faith in God.