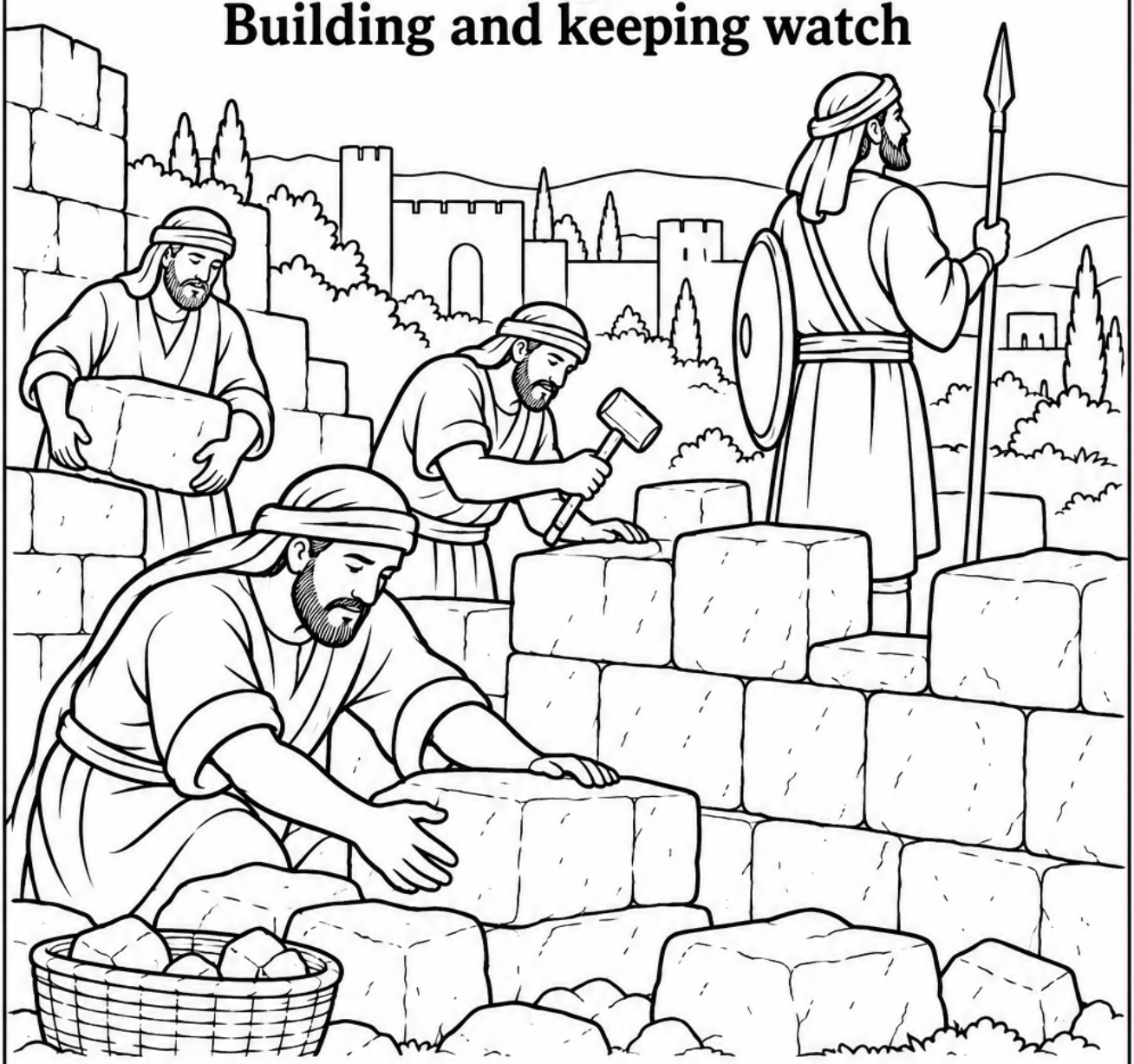
WAYMARK 41

Rebuilding the Walls

Building and keeping watch



The builders pray and keep watch while rebuilding Jerusalem's wall.
Nehemiah 4:7–9

THINK ABOUT THE STORY

What did the builders do when enemies planned to attack Jerusalem?

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Nehemiah 1-13
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Nehemiah 1-2
2. Nehemiah 3-4
3. Nehemiah 5-6
4. Nehemiah 7-8
5. Nehemiah 9-10
6. Nehemiah 11-13

MAIN POINTS

- Nehemiah prayed about Jerusalem and then asked the king for help (Nehemiah 1:4-2:8).
- Many people repaired different parts, and they prayed and watched when enemies threatened them (Nehemiah 3-4).
- Nehemiah made rich leaders give back what they had taken from poor families (Nehemiah 5:1-13).
- The people listened as God's law was read and explained, but they still needed correction later (Nehemiah 8; 13).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Who served the king and asked to go rebuild Jerusalem?
Nehemiah 1:2-4

2. When enemies planned to attack, what did the builders do first?
Nehemiah 5:7-13

3. Nehemiah prayed, helped, protected others, and listened to God's law. Which one can you practice this week?
Nehemiah 1-13

MEMORY VERSE / Nehemiah 8:10

Nehemiah 8:9-12 records that the people first wept when they heard the law. The leaders told them the day was holy, directed them to eat, drink, share portions, and rejoice, and the people celebrated because they understood the words explained to them.

WEB

Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared, for today is holy to our Lord. Don’t be grieved, for the joy of Yahweh is your strength.”

KJV

Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

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Nehemiah 1-13
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 41 / Younger children

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

WHAT I NOTICED

DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER

ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

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MAIN POINTS

- Nehemiah's request grows out of mourning, confession, covenant prayer, and a specific appeal before Artaxerxes (Nehemiah 1:4-2:8).
- Assigned work, prayer, watchfulness, family defense, weapons, and trumpet communication all support the continued rebuilding (Nehemiah 3:1-4:23).
- Nehemiah treats the economic oppression of fellow Jews as a crisis that must be corrected alongside the wall project (Nehemiah 5:1-13).
- Law reading and explanation lead to celebration, confession, and written commitments, while chapter 13 records how quickly neglected practices returned (Nehemiah 8-10; 13).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Why were certain priestly claimants excluded from the priesthood in Nehemiah 7?
Nehemiah 1:2-4

2. Which pledge closes the covenant commitments in Nehemiah 10?
Nehemiah 5:7-13

3. Nehemiah answered grief, threats, unfairness, and God's law in different ways. Which response in Nehemiah 1-13 challenges you most, and what is one specific next step?
Nehemiah 1-13

MEMORY VERSE / Nehemiah 4:9

When the builders learned that their opponents planned an attack, they prayed to God and maintained a guard day and night. The following verses add family stations, weapons, and continued work (Nehemiah 4:7-23).

WEB

But we made our prayer to our God, and set a watch against them day and night because of them.

KJV

Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

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Nehemiah 1-13
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 41 / Preteen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER

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Nehemiah 1-13
Name _____ Date _____

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1. Nehemiah 1-2
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MAIN POINTS

- Nehemiah's movement from covenant confession to a detailed royal request joins dependence on God with accountable planning (Nehemiah 1:4-2:8).

- Chapter 3's assigned sections and chapter 4's prayer, watch, arms, and trumpet show a coordinated response to both work and threat (Nehemiah 3:1-4:23).

- Chapter 5 interrupts the external-conflict story to expose hunger, interest, mortgages, taxation, and bondage within the covenant community (Nehemiah 5:1-13).

- The sequence from public reading to covenant commitments and then later relapse keeps renewal from being reduced to a single emotional event (Nehemiah 8:1-10:39; 13:1-31).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. How does Nehemiah move from Hanani's report to his request before Artaxerxes?
Nehemiah 1:1-2

2. What does the repair list reveal about participation, responsibility, and refusal?
Nehemiah 3:1-32

3. Compare Nehemiah's responses to grief, authority, threats, exploitation, Scripture, and relapse. Which response exposes a weakness in your current habits, and what text-specific practice could address it?
Nehemiah 1-13

MEMORY VERSE / Nehemiah 1:5

Nehemiah begins his prayer by addressing the LORD God of heaven and His covenant mercy. He then confesses shared sin, recalls God's command through Moses, and asks for mercy before the king (Nehemiah 1:4-11).

WEB

and said, “I beg you, Yahweh, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments,

KJV

And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

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Nehemiah 1-13
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 41 / Teen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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PRAYER

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MAIN POINTS

- Nehemiah's covenant prayer precedes a detailed petition to Artaxerxes, and his night inspection precedes his public proposal (Nehemiah 1:4-2:18).
- Distributed responsibility, prayer, surveillance, armed readiness, trumpet communication, and sustained labor answer the escalating threat (Nehemiah 3:1-4:23).
- Nehemiah 5 places internal economic exploitation beside external opposition and records restitution under oath as part of the rebuilding narrative (Nehemiah 5:1-13).
- Reading, interpretation, celebration, confession, and covenant commitments do not eliminate later neglect; Nehemiah 13 narrates renewed correction after Nehemiah's absence (Nehemiah 8:1-10:39; 13:1-31).

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3. Nehemiah 1-13 places covenant prayer, authorized planning, resistance to threats, economic restitution, interpreted Scripture, communal vows, and renewed correction in one narrative. Which response most challenges your present practice, and what concrete action follows from the text?
Nehemiah 1-13

MEMORY VERSE / Nehemiah 4:14

After hearing that their enemies planned to attack, Nehemiah stationed the people by families and directed them to remember the Lord and defend their households. The narrative then says the enemies' plan was brought to nothing and the work resumed (Nehemiah 4:7-15).

WEB

I looked, and rose up, and said to the nobles, to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them! Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.”

KJV

And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

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Nehemiah 1-13
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Passage or verse _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER