

## Nehemiah Works for God

This story is based on Nehemiah 2:4-6, 11-20; 4:6; 6:15.

Nehemiah [nee-huh-MY-uh] worked for a king. One day the king asked, "Nehemiah, why are you sad?" (Make a sad face.)

Nehemiah said, "I wish I could go home. I want to fix the big wall around the city there."

The king liked Nehemiah. He said, "All right, you may leave for a little while to fix the wall."

Nehemiah got on his horse and started home. Clip, clop. Clip, clop. At last, he was there. He rode around the city. The wall was falling down everywhere.

Nehemiah talked to the people. He said, "Come help me fix the wall so the city will be safe."

The people said, "We will fix the wall." The people mixed some clay. They carried stones. The wall became longer and higher. (Stretch arms out and up.)

Now the wall was finished. And the people felt happy. They had worked together for God.

Lesson 9

## **Anthony Helps Out**

Bible Truth: We can work together for God.

Anthony came to Sunday school early. He loved Sunday school, especially when it was outside. He wanted to help his teacher.

The teacher said, "I am so thankful you are here. I have so much to do. I have to move the chairs. I have to get the Bibles."

Anthony said, "I can help you move the chairs."

"You can put a Bible on each of the chairs too," the teacher said.

His teacher went inside the church to get snacks for the children and things for the Bible lesson.

Anthony was excited to

help. He got the Bibles and put one on each chair.

"Thank you, Anthony. You are a good helper," his teacher said. "We show love to God when we work together for Him."

Our Bible story today is about a man named Nehemiah and some people who worked together for God," his teacher said. "They worked together to do what God wanted them to do."

"I like to show God I love Him," said Anthony. "Thank you for letting me help you work for God."



**Family Time** Involve your whole family in the Bible story by working together to build a wall of wooden or plastic blocks just as Nehemiah and the people worked together to build a wall. Then talk about ways people at your church work together—such as ushers welcoming people, a class cleaning up a Sunday school room, etc. If you have a church activity to attend during the week, have your child assist with a chore that needs to be done before you leave. Say your memory verse together.

## Bible Memory Verse

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart." Matthew 22:37