

Rebuilding the Wall




Nehemiah's Inspection of the Walls

¹¹ So I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days. ¹² Then I got up during the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal I took was the animal I rode. ¹³ I went out by night by the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. ¹⁴ Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool; but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. ¹⁵ So I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. ¹⁶ The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest that were to do the work.

Decision to Restore the Walls

¹⁷ Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace." ¹⁸ I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us start building!" So they committed themselves to the common good. ¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they mocked and ridiculed us, saying, "What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" ²⁰ Then I replied to them, "The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building; but you have no share or claim or historic right in Jerusalem."



get excited!

(5 minutes)

Watch the video about
Nehemiah.

Verse to Remember

"The God of heaven is the one who will give us
success, and we his servants are going to start
building." **Nehemiah 2:20**

key verse exercise.

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read and learn!

(10 minutes)

**ZION AND ZAYA LEARN
ABOUT NEHEMIAH: THE
CAPTIVE CUPBEARER THAT
REBUILT A NATION**

ZAYA - I believe that one of the things that people often forget to do when they have something big to do for God is count the cost. To count the cost means to get more details and examine what resources are needed to carry out the plan.

ZION - A good example of counting the cost is to figure out how much time and money it will require to start.

ZAYA - Good example! And, the first step to that should involve prayer—talking to God and other people who you trust.

ZION - One of the next steps should include what is called an assessment or evaluation. We get evaluated all the time, but when is the last time we evaluated anything?

ZAYA - In our lesson today, Nehemiah considers these steps, first, by talking to God and secondly by not sharing details with people who he couldn't trust. He also conducted an assessment by examining the walls, and gates of Jerusalem that had been destroyed.

ZION - Based on the condition of the community, the results of Nehemiah's evaluation supported his desire to do something big for God. Nehemiah knew that because his building project was for the glory of God that God would give his project team success.

ZAYA - His faith in God lead him to say something like, let's build!



rise up! (30 minutes)

It's time to work with Zion and Zaya on this week's **Superhero Challenge: "HISTORICAL LANDMARKS."** Join Zion and Zaya in learning the importance of some historical landmarks.

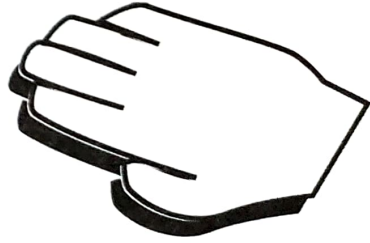
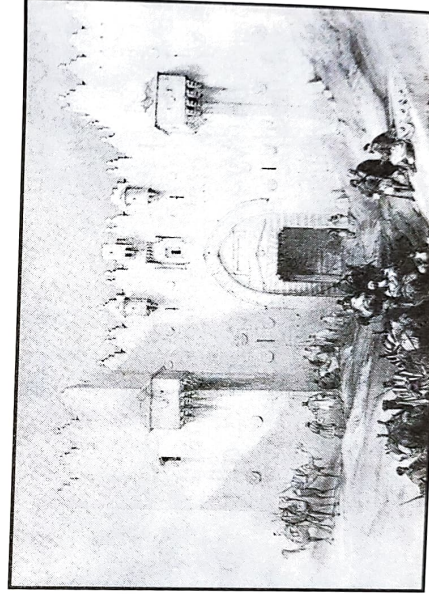
what do you think?

What steps did Nehemiah take to rebuild Jerusalem's gates?

Create an assessment tool for a project you want to complete.

time to create

Make a Jerusalem Wall cutout.



time to pray

Dear God, thank You for being the one who will give us success. Help us stay committed to doing the things that build up Your Kingdom, even when others try to get in our way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.