

SET APART TO HONOR GOD

Timeless Truth: God keeps his covenant with those who love him.

Bible Basis: Ezra 7:1, 7, 10–11; Nehemiah 1:2–6, 11; 4:4–6, 13–23; 8:1–12

Key Verse: [Nehemiah said,] “Don’t be afraid of your enemies. Remember the Lord. He is great and powerful.” —Nehemiah 4:14, NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 21: “Set Apart to Honor God”

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 21 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to remind your child God is on our side through a prayer activity. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

Nehemiah knew God was on his side. God is on your side too.

TABLE TALK

- **What did Nehemiah and the people build?** (*They built the walls of Jerusalem.*)
- **What makes you feel safe?**
- **What does God want you to do?**

LIVING FAITH

When Nehemiah and the people built the walls of Jerusalem, God was on their side. Give each family member several pieces of paper. On each sheet of paper, draw or write something that God wants you to do. It might be something like obeying your parents, reading the Bible, or telling a friend about Jesus. Tape each of these sheets of paper to tissue boxes, cereal boxes, or anything that you can stack like a wall. Take each box, one at a time, and build a wall. As you place the box on the wall, thank God that he is on your side and will help you do the item that is pictured. Then say the Bible point together. When the wall is finished have a celebration that God is on your side, just like he was on Nehemiah’s side.

EXTRA MILE

Nehemiah and the people worked together to build the walls of Jerusalem. Work together as a family to do something this week. You might work together to clean up after dinner or work together to complete a project.

Half of the people stood guard while half of the people built the wall. Let your child build a wall with blocks as you stand guard. Then switch roles.

Read books this week about characters that worked together and helped each other.

Use these actions to help your child remember part of the key verse.

Remember *(Point to your head.)*

The Lord. *(Make an L with your right hand. Take the L across your body from your right shoulder to your left hip.)*

He is great *(Lift your hands high above your head.)*

And powerful. *(Show your arm muscles.)*

Nehemiah 4:14 *(Open hands like a book.)*