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LOWER ELEMENTARY



## ***BIG IDEA***

We can ask God our questions.

## ***THE BIBLE***

**Nehemiah Asks to Rebuild the Wall: Nehemiah 2:1-20**

### **ACTIVITY | Have You Ever?**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask a series of questions, and anyone who has ever done what the question is asking, they put one finger down. Here are some examples:*
  - Have you ever been to the zoo?
  - Have you ever been on a bus?
  - Have you ever been on a boat?
  - Have you ever gone to a museum?
  - Have you ever taken a picture with Santa Claus?
  - Have you ever been to the hospital?
  - Have you ever gone swimming?

### ***TEACHING TIME***

### **MUSIC | Not the Same**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play "Not The Same" by North Point InsideOut. Encourage the kids to sing along!* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUWJvYCFwLc>

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**SCRIPTURE | Nehemiah 2:1-20**



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Bring a bag of blocks to the front with you as you tell the story. Stack one block at a time while you tell the story. Or have the kids build with you.*
- Our story today is about a man named Nehemiah. Nehemiah was born long after King Solomon and by the time he was around, the city where Solomon had built the temple, Jerusalem, was in poor shape. The walls had completely fallen apart! That made Nehemiah sad.
- Nehemiah lived far away from that city. He was a cupbearer to a King. A cupbearer is the person who tastes the king's food and drinks first to make sure they are safe for the king.
- The king noticed that Nehemiah was sad. He asked Nehemiah why he was feeling so sad and what he could do to help.
- Nehemiah asked the king if he could go to the city of Jerusalem and rebuild the walls. He also asked if the king would write letters to people who could help Nehemiah.
- The king agreed and sent people with Nehemiah so he would have a safe journey to Jerusalem. And just like our wall here, Nehemiah was able to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- Nehemiah was wise. He let the king ask what the problem was first, instead of asking to leave for Jerusalem right away. When the king said yes, Nehemiah asked for very important things so that he could get the job done.
- We should always ask questions when we don't know something. God always finds a way to give us the answers we need, so we can ask God our questions!

### PRAYER

- Dear God, We thank You for never making us feel silly for asking You questions. We know You love listening to us and answering our questions. Help us to be wise by asking questions, just like Nehemiah.