

NEHEMIAH

BUILDING
MINISTRY
TOGETHER

Lesson 5: Nehemiah 3:1-32 Building Ministry Through Community

Welcome and Play Time 10 Min

Team work is a great way to get the job done. Today your kids will have to work hard together to accomplish some great things. Encourage unity among your group by giving everyone a job to do.

Use this time as people are arriving for the kids to get comfortable with each other and settled in so that Mom and Dad can enjoy small group.

Bible Lesson Activities 20 Min



Activity 1: Puzzle Partners There is some extra preparation required to make this activity work. Find a 50-100 piece puzzle and assemble it. After it is assembled gather small zip lock baggies and separate the puzzle into sections according to how many kids are in your group.

When your group gathers, pass each child a baggie with their pieces. As each child works to put together their section, they will all be working together to put together the whole section. Like the men of Tekoa who worked on their own section, and then went to help finish another section, allow older children help younger ones that need assistance in completing their section of "wall."

Activity 2: Wall Dot-to-Dot Using the handout dot-to-dot activity, give kids a visual of the wall that Nehemiah was working to rebuild.

Bible Reading Time & Scripture Memory 10 Min

Have a small snack for the kids like pretzels or cheerios to help encourage quiet mouths and listening ears. Pray and thank God for directing our steps and using our plans to work in His great plan. Read the Word straight through and then give yourself time to discuss after you've read the whole passage.

Read Nehemiah 3:10, 23-24, 28-30 (NASB) Read from a Bible if you have one available

3:10: Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah made repairs.

3:23-24: After them Benjamin and Hasshub carried out repairs in front of their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah, carried out repairs beside his house. After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah as far as the Angle and as far as the corner.

3:28-30: Above the Horse Gate the priests carried out repairs, each in front of his house. After them Zadok the son of Immer carried out repairs in front of his house. And after him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, carried out repairs. After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah carried out repairs in front of his own quarters.

Discuss with the children what the verses mean. Last week Nehemiah got everyone ready and excited to start rebuilding the city walls. Here we see the work being done! The priest started the work, and people came from all over to serve together. They worked in unity and they didn't let opposition hinder their work. Even jewelers and high powered men pushed up their sleeves to work. **Where does it say that these men built?** *opposite his house, in front of their house, beside his house, in front of his own quarters.* **What kind of work can you do in your neighborhood?** *Talk to your friends about God, encourage your family, help your neighbors with their yard work.* **We must focus more on "we" than "me."** **We must focus on defending the truth and not on allowing our feelings to get hurt. We must not be about gaining knowledge, but about pouring out in service for others.**

Let's memorize this week's verse:

"But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law." Galatians 4:4

Coloring Sheet 10 Min

Pass out the memory verse coloring sheets and have children color them. As you color repeat the verse several times to help the words sink in!

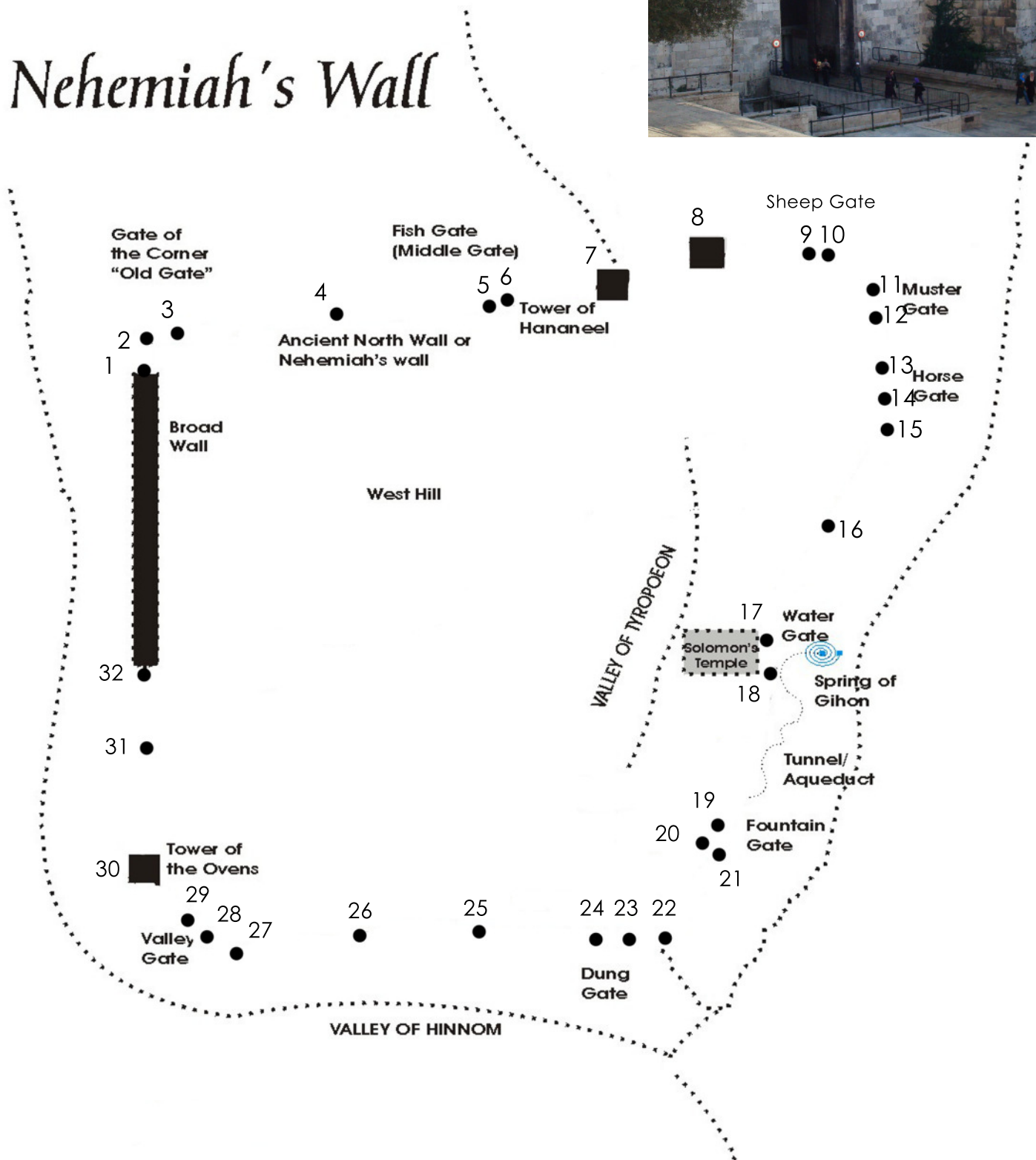
Closing/Clean Up 5 Min

Clean up and make sure everyone has shoes on, coloring sheets in hand and everything is put back in the room. Praise God for a wonderful group of young people!

Connect the dots to help Nemhemiah and the Jews make it around the city of Jerusalem and help rebuild the walls!



Nehemiah's Wall





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