

Nehemiah

Trigger

We See The Needs

Material

- ERDO Website (www.erdo.ca)

Steps

1. Show the children the website and encourage the children to initiate a project.
2. First, do the proposed object lesson and then continue with this trigger.



Key Verse

Proverbs 21:1

Multimedia & Clips

Images

freebibleimages.org

Clip-YouTube

1. God's Story: Nehemiah
2. Bible Theater: Nehemiah - Nehemiah Builds the Wall
3. Nehemiah: Old Testament Heroes - 5 Minute Family Devotional

Object Lesson

What Do You See?

Material

- Binoculars

Steps

1. Look at the children with your binoculars and ask them the following





questions.

1. What are binoculars for? (It let's us see in the distance; enlarges things so we can see them.)
2. Why could we use them? (Bird watching, use them on a ship to see if we are close to land, etc.)
2. Explain that sometimes people use binoculars to look at others. Think of the spies. They look from afar to see what people are doing. You can use the binoculars of your heart and see what people need and see the projects that God wants you to see. When you look through binoculars, they help you see better. This is what God's love does for us. It helps our eyes and hearts see what is going on around us. We can help someone without being asked to. We can look around us and see what is going on and then help whenever we can.

Songs

www.youtube.com

- Stand Together
- He Is The Light

The Heart Of The Father

& Prayer

Nehemiah would be an engineer for us today, a great engineer. At the time, Nehemiah saw a need and decided to work hard to meet that need. It was with his heart filled with compassion and love for his brothers in Jerusalem that he decided to embark on this adventure of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. It was not an easy job: he had to work hard, he had to overcome several obstacles. But he believed in his project and he got to work and he got it done. Let's imagine for a moment that along the way Nehemiah decided to give up everything. "It's too difficult, I won't make it, I give up." The reconstruction of the walls of Jerusalem would never have taken place. Now imagine Jesus when he walked on earth. "I don't want to die on the cross, I know it's my Father's plan to free his children from sin, but I don't like it, I give up." What would we have become? What if God had also given up on creating the earth? "I have a beautiful project but it's too long, what if there is no land, it could just have water on the ground." What would we have become? We would never have seen the light of day.

We can be grateful this morning because there were people before us who did not give up and who persevered in their work in order to see the plan and dream they had fulfilled. How are you? Do you give up easily in front of the trials? Or do you work hard to see your plan and dreams come true? It's not always easy, but it's worth the work.

Prayer

"Father, thank you because you are not a God who gives up, thank you because you persevered. Thank you for the example of perseverance you gave me through the people of the Bible. I need your help so that you can help me become a persevering child too and that I can be hard-working and not give up my

projects along the way. Thank you for helping me work hard until the projects are completed. Thank you because I know you will help me. Amen."

Craft

We're Building!

Material

- Recycled items
- Rolls of toilet paper
- Milk carton
- Styrofoam trays
- Cardboard boxes
- Bottles of water or soft drinks



Steps

1. Make all the recycled items available to the children.
2. Ask them to build an original building like Nehemiah could have done.

Activity

Prayer With LEGOS

Material

- 1 LEGO block per child

Steps

1. Lead the children through the next steps. You can write these steps on the board or on a powerpoint.
 1. Hold your block
 1. Pray for yourself.
 2. Thank God for the things he has given you.
 3. Ask him to bless you and help you bless others.
 2. Count the bumps on your block
 1. For every bump on your block, pray for a different person - friends or family members.
 2. Ask God to bless them this week.
 3. Find someone who has a different colour block than yours.
 1. Thank God for creating each one of us special.
 2. Thank him for things that are different, but special about others.
 3. Pray to learn to celebrate and understand people who are different from you.
 4. Find someone with a block that has the same number of bumps as yours.
 1. Thank God for the families and friends and all those who care for you.



2. Pray that he will help you be friends with those who are alone.
3. Swap your brick with someone. Thank God for the person you have spoken with and ask God to bless her/his this week.
5. Assemble all the blocks and build a structure or tower with them.
 1. Thank God for the church and the communities in which you live.
 2. Pray that it helps you to include others and help people realize that they are loved and valued.

Physical Activity

We're Building The Wall

Material

- Building blocks (Mega Bloks or Lego Duplo style)



Steps

1. Divide the children into 2 teams of equivalent number and tell them to line up on 2 parallel lines.
2. Tell them they must build the wall of Nehemiah. Tell them how many blocks the wall should contain (between 5 and 20 blocks).
3. Give each first player of the teams a big block.
4. At your signal, this player must pass the block to the player behind him, who will do the same, until the end of the line. The player at the end of the line must start climbing the wall of Nehemiah.
5. When the first block is returned to the end of the line, a 2nd block is given and so on until the last block.
6. The team, which first finishes the wall, wins.

Variant

- You can pass the block over your head, side ways, etc.
- The player at the end could go to the beginning of the line when he put down his block. In this way, the children would all be involved in the construction of the wall.

Snack

The Separated Red Sea

Material

- Pieces of chocolate cakes
- Cake icing in different colours
- Smarties treats
- Small paper plates
- Plastic knives



Steps

1. Give each child a piece of cake on a paper plate.
2. Let the children decorate their brick (piece of cake) with the icing of the colour they desire.
3. Ask them to put Smarties of the colour matched to the icing as if it's a lego block (building block).
4. Make the connection with the story of the day.