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God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
Nehemiah Rebuilds Jerusalem

Take Home Point:
Build your life with prayer.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: I heard you built some card towers today. Of what did this remind you? (*We can build our lives with prayer. Nehemiah rebuilt Jerusalem, but he prayed for guidance.*)

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: Have each family member complete the following: "One thing I am looking forward to next year when I become a year older is..." "When I am ten years older, I am looking forward to..." Then say: "Our lives are always building into something new in the next year or years, but an important thing to remember as we build our lives is that we must do it with prayer. That's what Nehemiah did as he rebuilt the city of Jerusalem."

READ THE BIBLE: Nehemiah 1-15 or read from a story Bible about Nehemiah rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem.

KEY VERSE: Romans 12:12, *"Be happy in your confidence, be patient in trouble, and pray continually."*

TALK ABOUT IT: What did Nehemiah do when he heard the bad news that the walls of Jerusalem had been broken down and the gates burned? (*Nehemiah 1:3-11. He prayed.*) How was Nehemiah's prayer, "Please give me success today and make this man, King Artaxerxes, show me compassion," answered? (*Nehemiah 2. The king saw that Nehemiah was sad and had compassion on him. He allowed Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall. He also wrote letters to governors asking for Nehemiah's safe travel and to give him wood from the forest for rebuilding.*) What obstacles did Nehemiah face in rebuilding the wall? (*Nehemiah 2:19, 4:1-3. Sanballat and Tobiah ridiculed and tried to intimidate the builders. They made plans to attack and kill the builders.*) What did Nehemiah do when he heard these things? (*Nehemiah 4:4, 9, 13-21. He prayed and encouraged the people to fight, if needed. He organized it so the people were always armed and ready to fight. Half of the people would be on guard while the other half continued to build the wall.*) How long did it take to rebuild the wall? (*Nehemiah 6:15. It took only 52 days.*) Why do you think the wall was rebuilt so quickly? (*Nehemiah's prayers and good leadership. God was on their side. See Nehemiah 4:20.*)

How had God built Nehemiah's character? How do you react when something happens, whether good or bad, to you? Do you ask for help or give thanks to God for helping you? Do you also pray for those around you?

PRAYER POWER: Pray that all would remember to be like Nehemiah and pray continually for all things. Thank God that we can build our lives on Jesus, our firm foundation.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Pray about the future of each family member according to some of the things that they are looking forward to. Write these down and put them in an envelope to be a "time capsule" that can be opened a year later. Maybe you could hide it in the Christmas decoration boxes that will be retrieved the following year.

"Aliens in a Strange Land" - Lesson 27