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NEHEMIAH

LESSON 4: RESTORATION TO THE POOR ☆

Lessons in this series: 1 2 3 4 5 Overview

In this lesson, the children will see how God uses Nehemiah to care for both the poor and the Israelites. by Kristy Thornton

TOPICS

Blessings, Caring, Commitment, Giving, Helping, Integrity, Kindness, Sacrifice

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

Extend Your Hand (Activity) Click here

WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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BIBLE VERSE (7 MINUTES)

"He who gives to the poor will lack nothing." Proverbs 28:27 NIV

Read the scripture aloud to the class. Have them read it with you one more time. The ask, "who likes to give to others? How do you think God feels when we give to others in need?"

BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Introduction:

Nehemiah has been God's partner through this entire journey in rebuilding the walls and gates in Jerusalem. Nehemiah doesn't only care about the walls, he also cares about the people's physical health. He wants to make sure that all of God's people had the necessities to live: Food, water, shelter, and clothing. Let's read to find out why God uses Nehemiah to help others.

Read Nehemiah 5:1-12 (Nehemiah Helps the Poor) Read these verses using different voices for the different groups of people.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. At the beginning of Nehemiah Chapter 5, the people said, "We and our sons and daughter are numerous." What does this mean? (There are a lot of people, with many sons and daughters.)
- 2. Do you think it cost a lot of money to feed and clothe a family, especially a big family? (Yes.)
- 3. Many people in Jerusalem are poor and they have to borrow money to pay taxes and interest. Which just makes them poorer. Do you think that people should be treated differently just because they are poor? (Allow children to respond.)
- 4. Is Nehemiah happy or angry with the way poor people were treated in Jerusalem? What does he do? (He is angry, so he calls a meeting with the nobles and officials.)
- 5. Nehemiah told them that what they were doing was not right and they needed to give money back to the poor. How did the nobles and officials respond to the command made by Nehemiah? (They said, "We will give it back. And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say.")

FUN TIME (15 MINUTES)

Give to the Poor (Craft) Click here

ALTERNATE FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

Who Cares? God Cares! (Object Talk) Click here

PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving over the snack. Have the children provide different ways that demonstrate God's caring for them. Thank Him for His concern.

CLOSING ACTIVITY (10 MINUTES)

Giving and Receiving (Activity) Click here

NEXT WEEK

Come back next week to see how God uses Nehemiah to continue to help His people.

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WHO CARES? GOD CARES! ☆

During this discussion, the children will find that God cares about every person, and they should too.

by Kristy Thornton

TOPICS:

Behavior, Discernment, Fairness, Judging, Reputation, Self-worth

MATERIALS:

Small bucket of sand

DURATION:

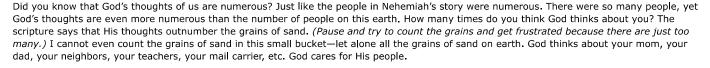
Approximately 10 minutes

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Fill your palm with sand and let it pour into the bucket. Do this repeatedly until you are done reading the scripture.



Read Psalm 139:17-18



Discussion Questions: (All answers will be "God.")

- 1. Who cares about the people on this earth?
- 2. Who cares about the children?
- 3. Who cares about the elderly?
- 4. Who cares about the poor?
- 5. Who cares about the sick?
- 6. Who cares about the needy?
- 7. Who cares about the hardworking?
- 8. Who cares about your mom and dad?
- 9. Who cares about your neighbor?
- 10. Who cares about your teachers?
- 11. Who cares about your mail carrier?

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