

Elementary Lesson: February 14, 2021

God Redeems

Nehemiah 1—4; 6—9

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Watch the Video and Discuss!

- What was broken in Jerusalem? (Nehemiah 1:3)
- Who wanted to go fix the wall? (Nehemiah 1:1; 2:5)
- How did God redeem this situation?
- What do you want to say to God for redeeming His people?

Respond

- Cup Stacking Competition

Gather 15 disposable cups and a stopwatch or timer. Clear off a steady table to get ready for this activity. Say, "The people of God disobeyed Him, and sometimes we sin too. Sin keeps us from living the way God desires for us, which is the best way. But the good news is that God redeems. He buys us back from sin and sadness and gives us back what was lost or broken. God helped His people rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. Let's have a competition to see who can build a wall of cups the fastest. The object of the game is to create a wall out of cups with five for the bottom row, then four on top of that, three on top of that, two on top of that, and one on the top." Once the wall has been made, the contestant must unstack and return the cups to a single stack. Time each person in your family. The person who stacks and unstacks the cups the quickest is the winner. Discuss together: "What was the most challenging part of this activity? What do you think it would have been like to help rebuild the wall of Jerusalem? How do you think the people felt when the wall was complete?"

Blessing

Read Psalm 111:9

(Child's name) May you know that God redeems and that His covenant is forever. May you be amazed by His holy and awesome name.