



BIBLE WORDS

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good."

PSALM 107:1, NIV

Nehemiah Builds a Wall

NEHEMIAH 1-6

BOTTOM LINE

God is good.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos.

The toddler curriculum is designed to be used in conjunction with the monthly crawler curriculum. Feel free to use both in your toddler classrooms.

STORY TIME:

- Tell It

CRAFT TIME:

- Fix the Wall
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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible

LEADER: "Hello, friends. I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about a man named Nehemiah and the wall around Jerusalem.

"Nehemiah saw that the wall around Jerusalem had holes in it and was falling apart. This made him really sad because the wall couldn't keep the people of Jerusalem safe anymore. So Nehemiah decided that he would fix the wall! But the wall was really, really big, and he was just one person. Nehemiah needed help!

"Lots of people came to help Nehemiah fix the wall. They all worked on different parts of the wall until one day, the wall was safe and strong again.

"Nehemiah was so thankful that God gave him people to help fix the wall. God gives us people who help us because **God is good.**"



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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Wall" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, brown construction paper, glue sticks, wet wipes, and a pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Wall" on cardstock, one per child. Cut brown construction paper into one-inch by three-inch pieces, three per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Retell the story. Help children fix the "Wall" by gluing the paper pieces to the missing spots.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we learned that God gives us people who help us just like He gave Nehemiah people to help him fix the wall.

"On your paper is a wall, but it has some holes in it. This is like the wall in our story. Look! These pieces will fill in the holes. Let's glue them to your paper to fix the wall. Which hole should you fix first? *(Pause.)* Okay, glue that one there. *(Pause.)* There's one hole fixed. Which hole is next? *(Pause.)* Okay, glue this piece there. *(Pause.)* Super! I see one hole left to fix. Can you glue this last piece on to cover that hole? *(Pause.)* Nice job! *(Clean fingers as needed.)*

Our Bible story tells us that when Nehemiah saw the wall with all the holes in it, he decided to fix it. But the wall was really big, and Nehemiah needed help. Lots and lots of people came to help. They worked together to fix the wall around Jerusalem.

"Nehemiah was so thankful to God that all those people came to help. We have lots of people who help us too, and we can thank God because **God is good.**"