



Blocks

Have fun building!

Some ideas for building include: a temple, walls, or a place you like to spend time with God.

“The joy of the Lord is your strength.” Neh. 8:10

Key Ideas:

1. God is ready to forgive and rebuild people's lives.
2. We must keep God's word or we might forget it.
3. God is faithful to each generation, even when there are problems, wars and destruction.
4. God can raise up leaders when they don't seem easy to find, even wine stewards!

Things to reflect on or talk about with others:

1. Where are you in this story?
2. What part of the story do you like the best?
3. Both Ezra and Nehemiah faced tricky situations while they were building. Both prayed to God about their challenges. They trusted God would be with them and help them. Think about a time you have experienced a tricky situation. How did God help you?
4. Ezra means “Helper.” Who are our helpers? How can you “help”?
5. The Israelites used to think they could only talk to God in the Temple. They learned that God is everywhere — in good times, and when times are hard. Where are some places you like to spend time with God?
6. Have you ever felt like you were in exile? How have you felt God with you during the pandemic?
7. As we build our lives, how can we create safe spaces for all people to experience God’s love?

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