

Family Theme | **Servant Leadership** Date | **June 14, 2026**

Study Text | **Nehemiah 1:1—2:20**

Read the Word: Nehemiah 1:1—2:20

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we can meet needs around us and put leadership into practice.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: God Places Servant Leaders in Positions to Meet Needs
(Nehemiah 1:1–3, 11b; 2:1)

APPLY: Share with family and friends Bible stories and family stories of how God has worked and blessed. Tell them over and over until kids know them by heart and can tell others.

- *How can retelling stories of God's faithfulness strengthen your faith and the faith of the next generation?*
- *What happens when families fail to intentionally talk about God's work in their lives?*

APPLY: Serve God wherever He places you, watching for needs to meet.

- *What needs do you see in the people and situations around you? How could you help meet one of these needs?*
- *What practical steps can help believers move from noticing needs to actually responding to them?*



Key Truth: Servant Leaders Respond to Needs With Compassion and Action
(Nehemiah 1:4–11a)

APPLY: Pray about everything.

- *How does Nehemiah's prayer reveal a servant leader's dependence on God rather than confidence in personal ability?*
- *What are some specific needs or decisions in your life right now that you should take to God in prayer before acting?*

APPLY: Remember that difficulty and hardship are opportunities for God to demonstrate His power.

- *How does remembering God's faithfulness in past difficulties strengthen a leader's trust in present challenges?*
- *How might God use the challenges you're facing to shape you or prepare you to serve others?*



Key Truth: For Believers, Leading Is Serving (Nehemiah 2:2-20)

APPLY: Ask God to help you think through and plan what to do as you serve.

- *Why is thoughtful, prayerful planning an important part of Christian service, especially when trying to meet real needs?*
- *What does it reveal about servant leadership when a leader openly acknowledges dependence on God?*

APPLY: Ask others for help when you need it.

- *How can asking for help strengthen unity and encourage others to use their gifts?*
- *How can involving others in God's work deepen both commitment and accountability?*

Build a foundation: Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- What did Nehemiah do before he asked the king to let him return to Jerusalem?
- What did Nehemiah ask God to do for him and the Israelites?
- What is servant leadership? (*a way of leading that puts others first by helping, caring, and listening*)
- How can you demonstrate servant leadership?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: Psalm 34:4.



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Jesus washed His disciples' feet as an illustration of serving one another. Some churches continue this practice.

Everyday Extras:

Servant leadership means leading by putting others first by helping, caring, and listening. Discuss ways your family can serve others in your neighborhood, church, and community. Consider making Blessing Bags to give out. Bake some cookies or make a meal for a family in need. Do some yard work for an elderly or ill neighbor. But before beginning any service projects, pray and talk to God about them. Ask Him to provide opportunities for you and your family to serve and help others.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned Moses trusted God to help him as he faced Pharaoh and asked him to let the Israelites leave Egypt. Moses had faith God would protect them from Pharaoh's army and help them cross the Red Sea. Moses lived by faith in all the hard things he did for God. **I can follow Moses' example, and I Can Live by Faith too.**