

Read the Word: Nehemiah 4:1–23

Disciple Your Family: Discuss God's greatness and power and stand strong against spiritual opposition that family and fellow believers face.

Discuss the following Key Events and Life Lessons. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Believers Should Expect Opposition From the Lost World (Nehemiah 4:1–9)

APPLY: Don't be surprised when worldly people oppose your Christian beliefs and lifestyle.

- *Why do you think opposition often increases when God's work begins to make visible progress?*
- *What might worldly opposition to our beliefs and lifestyle look like? How should we respond to this kind of opposition?*
- *Why is it important not to take opposition personally, but to recognize it as resistance to God's work rather than to us?*
- *When we face opposition, what distinguishes a Christlike response from one of retaliation?*



Key Truth: Believers Should Prepare for Spiritual Opposition (Nehemiah 4:10–13, 15–23)

APPLY: Determine what your spiritual weaknesses are and what defenses can strengthen you in those areas.

- *Why is identifying spiritual weaknesses often more difficult than recognizing external threats or temptations?*
- *What can strengthen us in our areas of spiritual weakness?*

APPLY: Parents, teach your children how to be salt and light in the world instead of withdrawing from the world.

- **<BRINK>** *What personal boundaries or spiritual disciplines help you remain faithful when facing pressure to compromise your beliefs or convictions?*
- *How can parents balance teaching discernment without creating fear of the world around them?*
- *How can we teach children to be salt and light and to influence the world instead of being influenced by the world?*



Key Truth: Believers Should Remember God and Fight for the Welfare of Family and Fellow Christians (Nehemiah 4:14)

APPLY: Remember God fights for you. Stand firm in faith instead of letting fear control your reactions when spiritual opposition arises.

- *Why is fear often our default response to opposition? How does remembering God's power change that response?*
- *In what ways can believers support and defend family and fellow Christians who are facing discouragement, temptation, or attack from the enemy?*

APPLY: Fight the enemy, not family and fellow believers.

- *How can you respond in a Christlike way the next time you feel tempted to get defensive, angry, or frustrated with a family member or fellow believer?*
- *How can recognizing the true enemy change the way we respond to disagreements within families or churches?*

Build a foundation: Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- How did Nehemiah and the Israelites face opposition to repairing and rebuilding the city wall and gates? What was Nehemiah's response?
- Have you ever faced opposition when doing what God has called you to do, and how did you respond?
- In what ways did you see God's faithfulness to Nehemiah and the people?

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



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Jesus set the standard for leadership—influencing others to do right.

Everyday Extras:

Discuss opposition (when something or someone is working against something else) with your family. Remind everyone the Devil opposes God and His plan which means he will continually try to keep us from doing what God wants. Discuss how Nehemiah and the people of Israel faced challenges when rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. Did they just give up? No, they prayed and trusted God for protection as they continued working. Read the application verse (Psalm 34:4) together and ask God to help you overcome opposition when following His way.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned Rahab was a young woman who lived for God. She put her faith into action when she hid the spies from the king's soldiers. Because of her actions and faith, God kept Rahab and her family safe. Rahab's actions showed her love for and faith in God. **I Can Live by Faith like Rahab did.**