

Family Theme | **Honoring God's Word** Date | **June 28, 2026**

Study Text | **Nehemiah 8:1-18**

Read the Word: Nehemiah 8:1-18

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we should learn, understand, and practice God's Word.

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

Key Truth: God's People Gather for Corporate Worship and in Smaller Groups to Learn and Apply God's Word (Nehemiah 8:1-15)

APPLY: Gather weekly with other believers for corporate worship and to hear God's Word preached.

- *Why is it so important for believers to gather together for corporate worship?*
- *Church attendance has yet to recover since COVID-19. Many people have stopped attending church altogether or watch online when it's convenient. What is the danger in letting church attendance and corporate worship become irregular or nonexistent?*
- *Why do you think God designed His Word to be heard publicly, not just read privately?*

APPLY: Be part of a smaller group where learners interact and teachers help learners understand God's Word and put it into practice.

- *Why is it so important for believers to gather together in smaller groups?*
- *Why might some believers resist small-group study even while valuing corporate worship?*
- *How does learning Scripture in smaller groups encourage accountability and obedience?*

Key Truth: Christian Parents Follow God's Word Themselves and Help Their Children Learn, Understand, and Obey It (Nehemiah 8:16-18; Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

APPLY: Like the people of Israel, today's parents can talk with their children about what they learn in small groups or worship.

- *How does talking about the theme they studied on Sunday help parents teach their children God's Word at home? How does this help children learn God's Word?*
- *What practical obstacles keep parents from continuing spiritual conversations at home? How can they overcome them?*
- **<BRINK>** *Who are some younger people in your life—siblings, relatives, or students—who are influenced by how you live out your faith? What opportunities exist to pass on faith informally without needing an official leadership role?*

APPLY: Use teachable moments daily to teach children what God's Word says and how to apply it to daily life.

- *What are some examples of teachable moments?*
- *Why are everyday moments often more effective for spiritual teaching than formal instruction alone?*
- **<BRINK>** *What are some everyday events that give you an opportunity to speak about your faith?*

APPLY: Adults love God supremely and keep His commands. Parents teach their children to do the same.

- *Why is it important that parents love God and keep His commands while trying to teach their children to do so?*
- *How can adults model a genuine love for God's Word without making it appear fake or forced?*
- **<BRINK>** *You're at a time in life where you have more freedom than ever. Rather than use that freedom to do whatever you want, how can you use it to spiritually influence the people around you?*

Build a foundation: Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- How did the people feel upon hearing Ezra read Scripture to them?
- Do you feel as grateful, or do you take reading God's Word for granted?
- How can you honor God's Word in your daily life?

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



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

The intertestamental period refers to the 400 years between the Old Testament and New Testament when there was no prophetic revelation from God.

Everyday Extras:

As a family, count the number of Bibles that are in your house. For many Christian Americans, there are more Bibles in the home than people. But in many countries throughout the world, it is illegal to be a Christian and even punishable by death. To the believers in these countries, having a copy or even a portion of the Bible is a precious treasure. Remind your child that having a Bible is a privilege, and we should respect God's Word by the way we care for it.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned Abraham lived by faith when he chose to trust God and move his family to Canaan. Abraham followed God wherever He led him, and he had faith that God would protect him and his family on their journey. God blessed Abraham and his family for their faithfulness when they arrived in Canaan. **I Can Live by Faith like Abraham did.**