

Nehemiah was an ordinary person in a unique position. He was serving the Persian King Artaxerxes as a faithful cupbearer. He was trusted by the king to go back to the people with their spiritual needs.

understanding NEHEMIAH'S Prayer

From the very beginning, Nehemiah was concerned about Jerusalem because it was the holy city. It represented Jewish national identity. Nehemiah loved his homeland, so he prayed for God's help. He is indeed a prayerful man of character and perseverance. He prayed anytime and anywhere. The Book of Nehemiah records a total of eight of his prayers. He had an intimate relationship with God. If we want to reach God with our prayers, we need to take the time to cultivate a strong relationship with God through in-depth prayer.



After receiving the bad news about the condition of Jerusalem, Nehemiah was deeply grieved. Immediately, he poured out his heart to God and asked God for ways to improve the situation. He fasted and prayed for several days, expressing his sorrow for Israel's sin and his desire that Jerusalem come together again to worship the one true God.

Let's study how Nehemiah used prayer to help him overcome difficulties. His prayer contained many important elements that we should strive to include in our prayers! After reading Nehemiah 1:5-11, write down the verses that correspond to the different elements of a complete prayer.


His prayer demonstrated the elements of effective prayer. They are:

<p>① Verse _____ PRAISE & THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>② Verse _____ Repentance</p>
<p>③ Verse _____ Remembering GOD'S Faithfulness</p>	<p>④ Verse _____ Specific Request for God's mercy & TO PROSPER in all that he does</p>
<p>⑤ Verse _____ Commitment</p>	

Questions to Think About

- How often do you pour out your heart to God?
- How often do you give Him a specific request to answer?

I can HELP, too!



Put a check mark by one person you would like to help.

Then, create a plan detailing how you can help that person. Use the questions below to help you plan.

- _____ An elderly neighbor who is always home by herself/himself.
- _____ A homeless person who needs food.
- _____ A student who is often absent from Religious Education classes.
- _____ An elderly person who needs help to buy food and do things around the house.
- _____ A sick friend who needs help.
- _____ Other: Please specify _____



Who do you know who needs help? _____

What can you plan to do this week to help and encourage that person?



1. How do I want to help this person?

2. What will I need in order to help?

3. How can I get what I need?

4. How long will my plan take?

5. What problems could I face?

6. How will I overcome these problems?

7. How will I know when I've succeeded?

REACH OUT



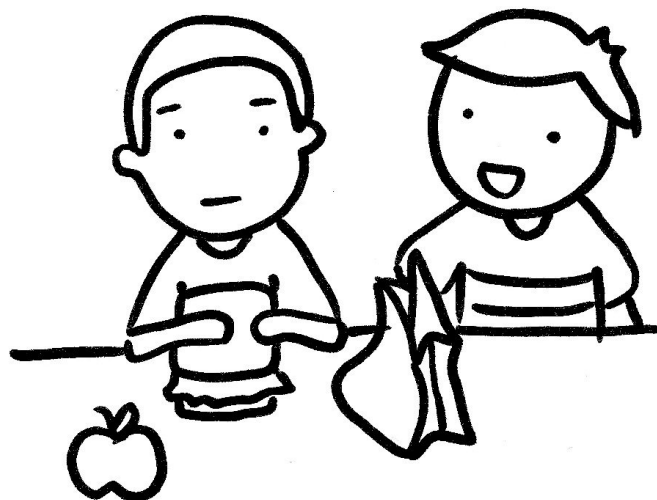
For the past few weeks, Peter and his friends have been staying after school almost every single weekday to study together for their final exam this year. Each time, they come up with questions at the end to test each other on what they have just studied. Peter noticed that Stephen, however, hasn't been showing up for the past few days. Everyone thought that Stephen was no longer interested in studying with them, and they didn't bother asking him to join them again. Nonetheless, Peter decided to take a step further and see if everything was okay with Stephen. By paying more attention, Peter realized that Stephen hasn't

been very happy at school lately. During lunchtime, he always sits by himself to eat. He also frantically leaves the school every day as soon as the bell rings.

One day, Peter went over to where Stephen was sitting by himself to eat during lunchtime, and he sat down next to Stephen. He said to him, "Stephen, is everything okay? You don't seem very happy lately. You've been missing every day after school and we miss you!" Stephen answered, "Hmm, I'm okay..." Peter knew that something was wrong. He said, "Well, I won't force you to say anything. But just letting you know that if you need somebody to talk to, I'm here for you!" Stephen thought for a moment and he finally opened up to Peter. He said to Peter, "My dad's been in the hospital. My whole family is very worried. I can't stay after school to study with you all anymore because my mom needs me to go home and take care of my little brother while she is in the hospital with my dad. I'm very worried about him, too!"

Question

- What would you say to Stephen if you were Peter?



NEHEMIAH'S INTERVIEW

Reporter: Nehemiah, we would like to ask you a few questions.

Nehemiah: I would be glad to answer them.

Reporter: What made you look so upset while serving the king?

Nehemiah: I was upset because _____
_____.

Reporter: Why did you fast and pray for God's help?

Nehemiah: I fasted and prayed because _____
_____.

Reporter: After King Artaxerxes gave you permission to go to Jerusalem, you came up with a plan. What was it?

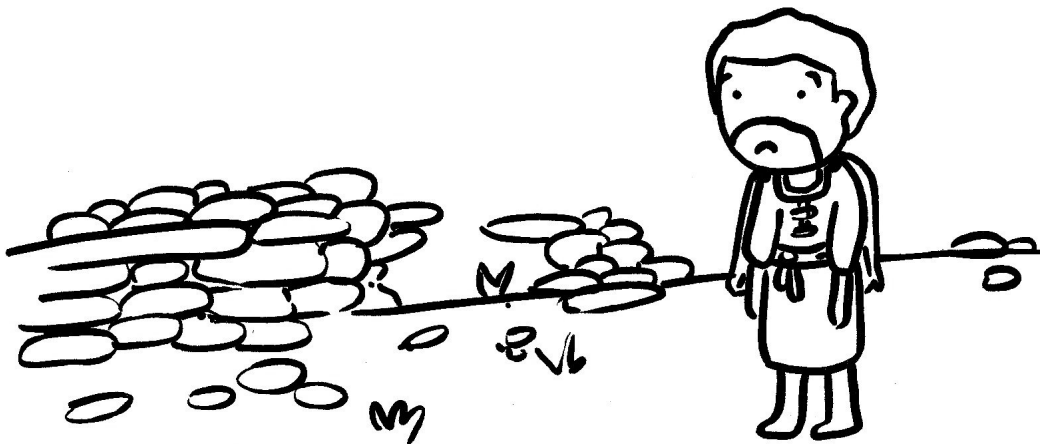
Nehemiah: My plan was _____
_____.

Reporter: Sanballat and Tobiah opposed your efforts. How did the Jewish people react?

Nehemiah: They _____.

Reporter: Why do you think the people were willing to follow you and help you rebuild Jerusalem's wall?

Nehemiah: _____.



E2 Year 3 Book 2 Lesson 9—Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (Isaiah 1:17)

Fill In the Blank

1. Nehemiah worked for King _____ as a _____.
2. Nehemiah asked for the king's permission to return to _____ to rebuild the wall of _____.

Multiple Choice

3. _____: The king knew that something was bothering Nehemiah because _____.
 - a. Nehemiah wrote him a letter.
 - b. Nehemiah broke one of his cups.
 - c. Nehemiah looked sad.
4. _____: After Nehemiah told the king about the wall of Jerusalem, the king _____.
 - a. Permitted Nehemiah to go back to Judah
 - b. Had Nehemiah killed
 - c. Wrote letters to his other servants commanding them to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's place
5. _____: As soon as Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, he _____.
 - a. Gathered everyone together and started rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem
 - b. Found out that the wall had already been rebuilt
 - c. Stayed there for three days without telling anyone his plan

Short Answer

6. How did Nehemiah react when he first heard about the wall of Jerusalem?
7. What did Nehemiah do before letting the king know his request?
8. What can you learn from Nehemiah's actions?