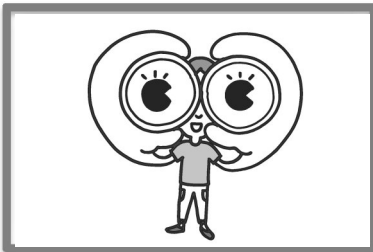


THE DEDICATION

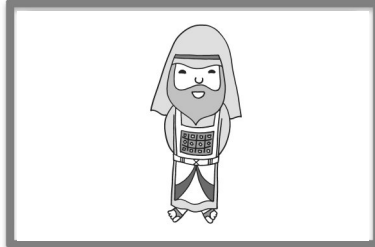


(12:27-28) Find the Levites and singers

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(12:30)

- Priests and Levites
- The people, the gates, and the wall

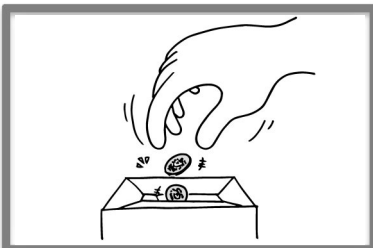


(12:31) With thanksgiving

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(_____) With joy

- God made them rejoice with great joy
- Everyone rejoiced: men, women, and children



(12:47) _____

- For the singers and gatekeepers
- For the house of God

(13:1-3) Read the Law of God

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THE COVENANT

**The Covenant
(what they
promised)**

We will not marry
Gentiles
(10:30)

We will not work or
trade on Sabbath day
(10:)

We will offer tithes and
firstfruits, not neglect the
house of God
(10:35-39)

**What
happened?**

They married Gentiles
of _____
(13:23-24)

They worked and
_____ on the
Sabbath
(:)

They neglected the
house of God
(:)

**What did Nehemiah do
when he saw this?**

He _____ with them, cursed them,
hit them, pulled out their hair and made
them promise not to _____
(13:25-28)

He _____ with them,
"What evil thing is this that you do
on the _____?" He
shut the gates and put his servants
at the gates to guard it (13:17-22)

He _____ with them, "Why is the
house of God _____?" He
gathered the Levites together again
(13:11-13)

My Personal Dedication

What can I dedicate to God?

What attitudes should I have?

Write these verses in your own words. How can you apply these attitudes to what you want to dedicate to God?

PURE HEART

• 2 TIM 2:21-22



THANKSGIVING

• EPH 5:19-20



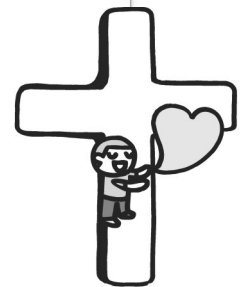
JOY

• PS 100:2



WILLINGNESS

• 2 COR 8:12



Testimony

Sister Elizabeth who specializes and is gifted in flower arranging was asked by the church to do a few special flower arrangements for the church dedication. Sis. Elizabeth wanted the flower arrangement to be as nice and fresh as possible for the dedication, so as per her usual practice to ensure fresh flowers for the day, she started the flower arrangements the night before. She spent lots of time on one particular arrangement because it was the largest one and it was going to be at the main entrance. She worked really hard and even stayed past midnight to finish all the flower arrangements allocated to her. This was a big church, and there were many things to be done in the chapel as well as outside, so many members stayed to help clean and organize the church for the dedication. Finally, she finished for the night and went home to rest. She planned to come an hour early the next morning to do one final check, and perhaps give the flowers a quick mist spray before everyone arrived for the dedication.



To other people, this may just have been another pot of flowers. But to Sister Elizabeth, this was what she felt God had gifted her with, so she was especially dedicated to ensuring that it was done to the best of her abilities.

However, early next morning, she arrived an hour beforehand, only to find that the main flower arrangement for the entrance was no longer there. After asking around, she found out that sometime between last night after she left and this morning before she arrived, a church member felt the floor needed another cleaning and vacuuming. Unfortunately the member who did the vacuuming accidentally knocked over the flower arrangement, and it was completely ruined.

Sister Elizabeth was devastated. It was too late to do anything about it. She didn't have the time, the equipment, or the flowers to make a replacement. After spending hours last night on the arrangement and sacrificing her sleep, in the end, she couldn't present the nice arrangement the church had asked her to make.

So, in the prayer during dedication, she asked God, "Why did you let this happen? I did that work for you, God. That arrangement was done for this dedication to glorify You. Why did this accident have to happen?"

Praise God that, during the dedication, God opened her heart and comforted her. She felt God's comfort, but more importantly she felt God teaching her. God let her understand that the flower arrangement was her offering to God, not to the people attending the dedication. Whether or not other people saw it wasn't important. God had seen it. God had accepted her offering. When she came to realize this thought, she felt peace and joy fill her heart.

The most important aspect of our dedication to God is what God sees, and not what other people see. If we dedicate our work to God with a pure, willing, joyful, and thankful heart, God will see it, even if other people do not see it.

My Covenant with God

Think about the covenant that the people made during the time of Nehemiah and how it relates to your life today. What can you pledge to God today?

In the box, draw something that will remind you of your pledge. Then, write the actual pledge.

Finally, put your signature on it and seal it!

Dear God,



I pledge to



I pledge to



I pledge to

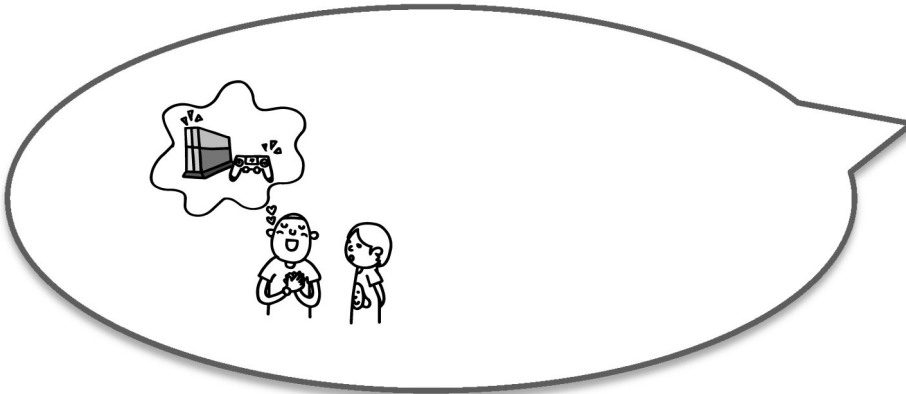
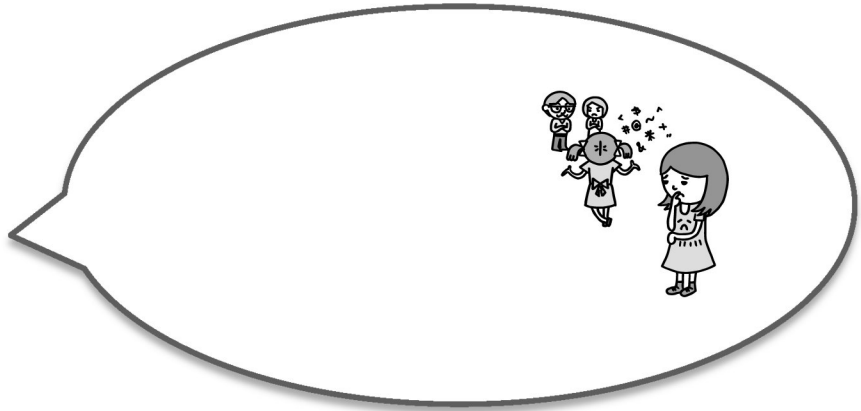
Signature: _____

DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, he discovered the people breaking their covenant and doing the wrong things in the eyes of God. In the face of this difficult situation, Nehemiah didn't just give up. He did what he could to turn the people back to God.

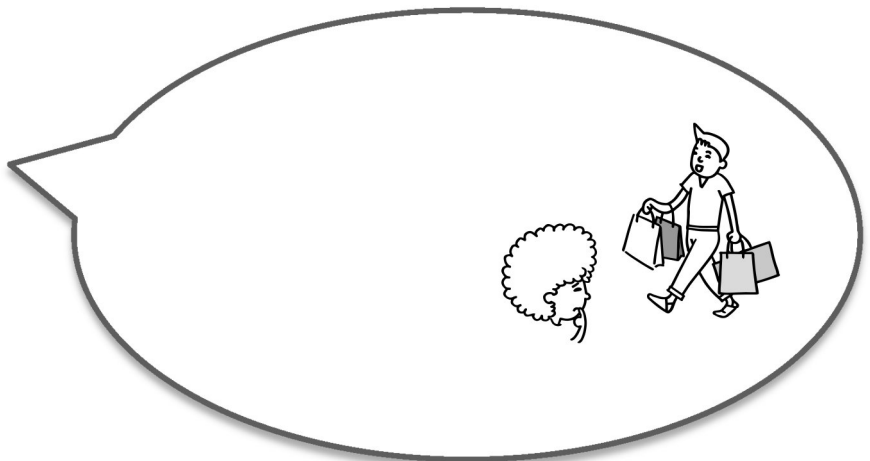
What would you say in these difficult situations?

Your see your sister hide a secret and lie to your parents about something bad she's doing.



Your friend keeps telling you about how much he wants a video game.

You haven't seen your friend come to church for Sabbath for a long time. One day you see him in the shopping mall.



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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. **(Romans 12:1)**

What Do We Need to Do?

Nehemiah confronted and rebuked the people regarding intermarriage, the Sabbath, and taking care of the temple through offerings. For each point, write down:

 <p>In Marriage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God wants us to... • How did the Jewish people disobey God? • What I can do now is... 	 <p>Sabbath Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God wants us to... • How did the Jewish people disobey God? • What I can do now is... 	 <p>Offering & Tithes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God wants us to... • How did the Jewish people disobey God? • What I can do now is...
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