



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 40

THE REBUILD (EZRA, NEH)

Scripture: Ezra 3, Neh. 4

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Toothpicks, marshmallows, minimarshmallows

Ask:

- Who remembers what we talked about last week? (EITHER ESTHER OR DANIEL)
- The past few weeks of stories occurred while the Israelites were in exile. But God didn't leave them in exile forever, he brought his people back!
- Today, we're going to talk about how God brought his people back and what they did then.

Read: Ezra 3:7-13

Activity:

Does anyone remember when we made the gingerbread temples? Those were pretty impressive, weren't they? Well, unfortunately, when the Israelites rebuilt the Temple after the exile, many of the people who had seen the original Temple wept at the look of the new one. So today, let's make some new Temples and we'll see how they turn out.

Have the kids build new temples out of toothpicks and marshmallows.

Summarize:

The people rebuilt the Temple, but much of the city itself was left in ruins. Another man named Nehemiah began to work on the walls around the city. He came back to fix the walls but he faced a lot of opposition-- a lot of people who didn't want him to succeed. Some of these guys made fun of him, and some even plotted to hurt the workers and stop their work. Let's see what Nehemiah did.

Read: Nehemiah 4:1-18

Activity:

After explaining about Nehemiah, have the kids now build a wall around their Temple, using mini marshmallows and toothpicks. This time there is a catch. This time, they must do it one-handed because, remember, the men who carried the materials had to carry materials in one hand and a sword in the other.

Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids color the stories of Ezra and Nehemiah in their comic book Bibles.

Memorize: Nehemiah 6:9

Close in Prayer

