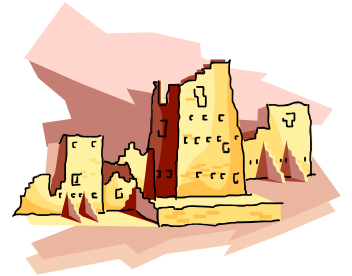


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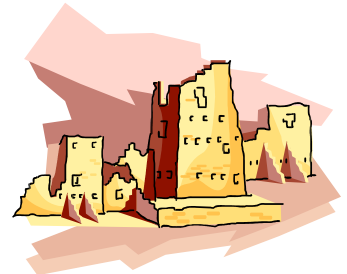
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Nehemiah made the trip to Israel. When Nehemiah presented the king's letters to the governors in the region around Jerusalem they were not happy. People in the area around Jerusalem did not want the Israelites to succeed in making their city great again.

At first, Nehemiah did not tell the people of Jerusalem why he had come. When he had been in Jerusalem three days he went out during the night and took a tour of the walls. He saw the broken down walls and the gates, which had been burned.



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There were enemies in the area who laughed at the Jews when they heard about their building project. The enemies made fun of the Jews. They even accused the Jews of rebelling against King Artaxerxes. Nehemiah and the Israelite people did not let these spiteful neighbors stop them from rebuilding the city.

## Did You Know?

Many of the cities in Bible times had walls around them for protection. In the walls were gates. Sometimes a city's gates were decorated with beautiful carvings. The gates could be locked and shut tight at night and in times of danger. The city of Jerusalem had many gates. Some are named in Nehemiah 2 and 3. The gates were named so they could be identified, a sort of address. There was the sheep gate, the fish gate, the fountain gate, and the valley gate, to name a few. There was even a dung gate. Can you guess what the gates were used for by their names? The sheep gate was used for sheep to come into the city. Sheep were used in sacrifices. The fish gate could have been named for the fishermen who brought their fish through this gate to sell. The dung gate would have been the gate used to take garbage out of the city. There were other gates. Read Nehemiah 2 and 3 to find the names of more gates.

### Fill-In-the-Blanks

"Then said \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_, Ye see the  
\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ are in, how  
\_\_\_\_\_ lieth \_\_\_\_\_, and the  
\_\_\_\_\_ thereof are \_\_\_\_\_ with  
\_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ and let us \_\_\_\_\_  
up the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem, that we be no more a  
\_\_\_\_\_." (Nehemiah 2:17).

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1. Why did Nehemiah want to go to Jerusalem?

- a. To rebuild the walls    b. To vacation    c. To help the king

2. The king gave Nehemiah:

- a. letters    b. building materials    c. soldiers    d. all three things

3. Nehemiah was in Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_ when he took a tour of the walls.

- a. 3 hours    b. 3 days    c. 3 weeks



4. Nehemiah was a:

- a. master builder    b. server to the king    c. prince

5. Nehemiah told the people \_\_\_\_\_ would bless them.

- a. God    b. he (Nehemiah)    c. the king

6. The people said "Let us rise up and \_\_\_\_\_."

- a. pray    b. build    c. think about it



7. The Jews' enemies:

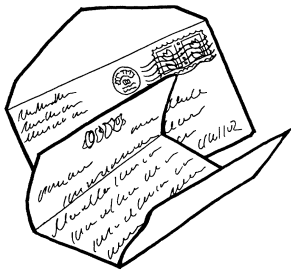
- a. cried    b. threw rocks at them    c. made fun of them

8. The Jews' enemies accused them of:

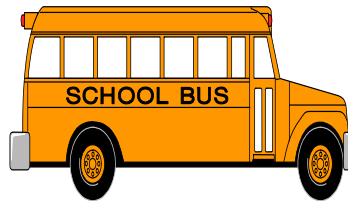
- a. cheating    b. fighting    c. rebelling against the king

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Solve the picture puzzle to finish the message.  
When Nehemiah told the people he wanted to rebuild  
the city, what did they say to him? Ref: Nehemiah 2:18



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name the flower, then  
change the "o" to an "i"

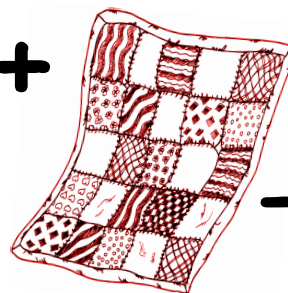


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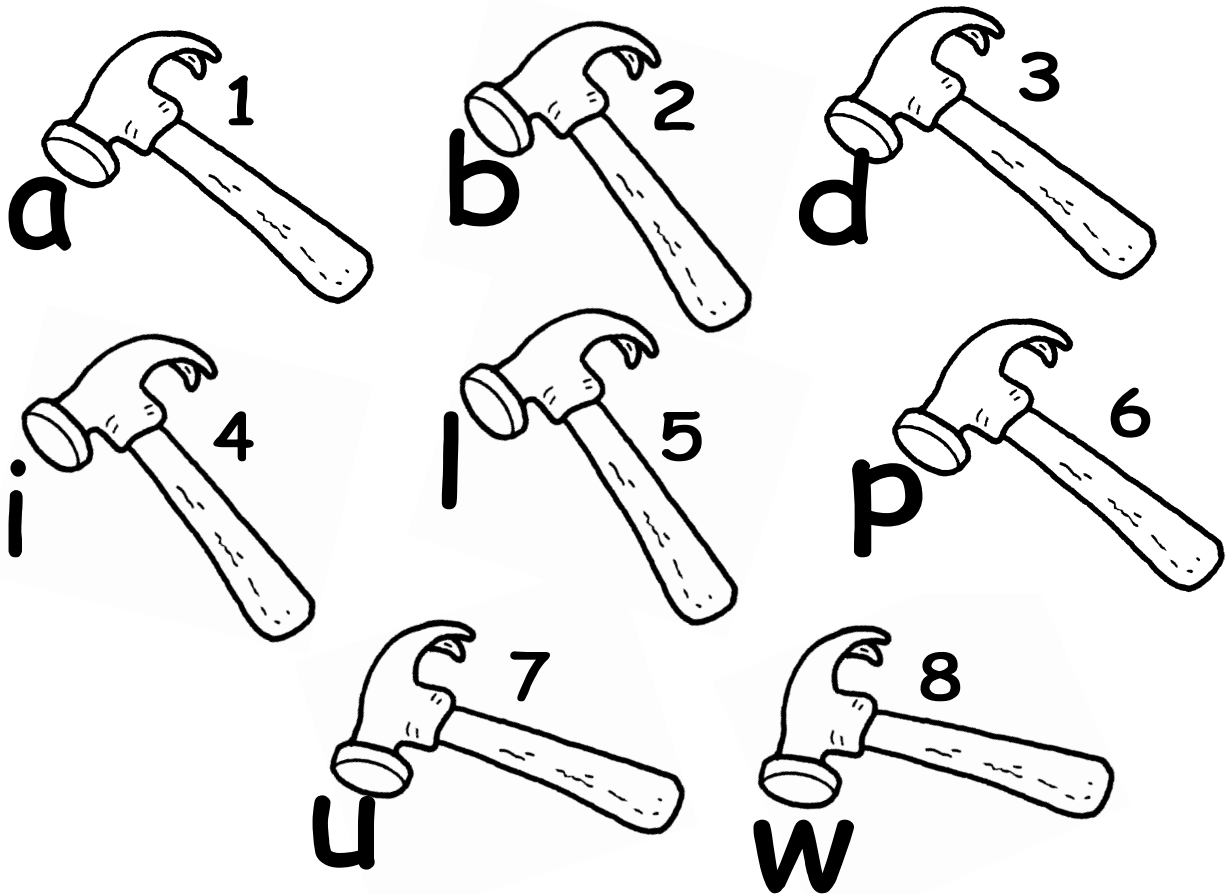
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Nehemiah wanted to rebuild the city of his ancestors. After he travelled to Jerusalem and took a tour, he spoke to the people of the city. What did he say? Ref: Nehemiah 2:17



"Let us \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem"  
\_\_\_\_\_



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The Jews' neighbors mocked (made fun of) them when they began to rebuild the crumbling walls of Jerusalem. Can you think of any other bible examples of people who were laughed at?

What happened to the army of Philistines and the giant named Goliath who laughed at David? (1 Samuel 17)

How were the two situations similar?

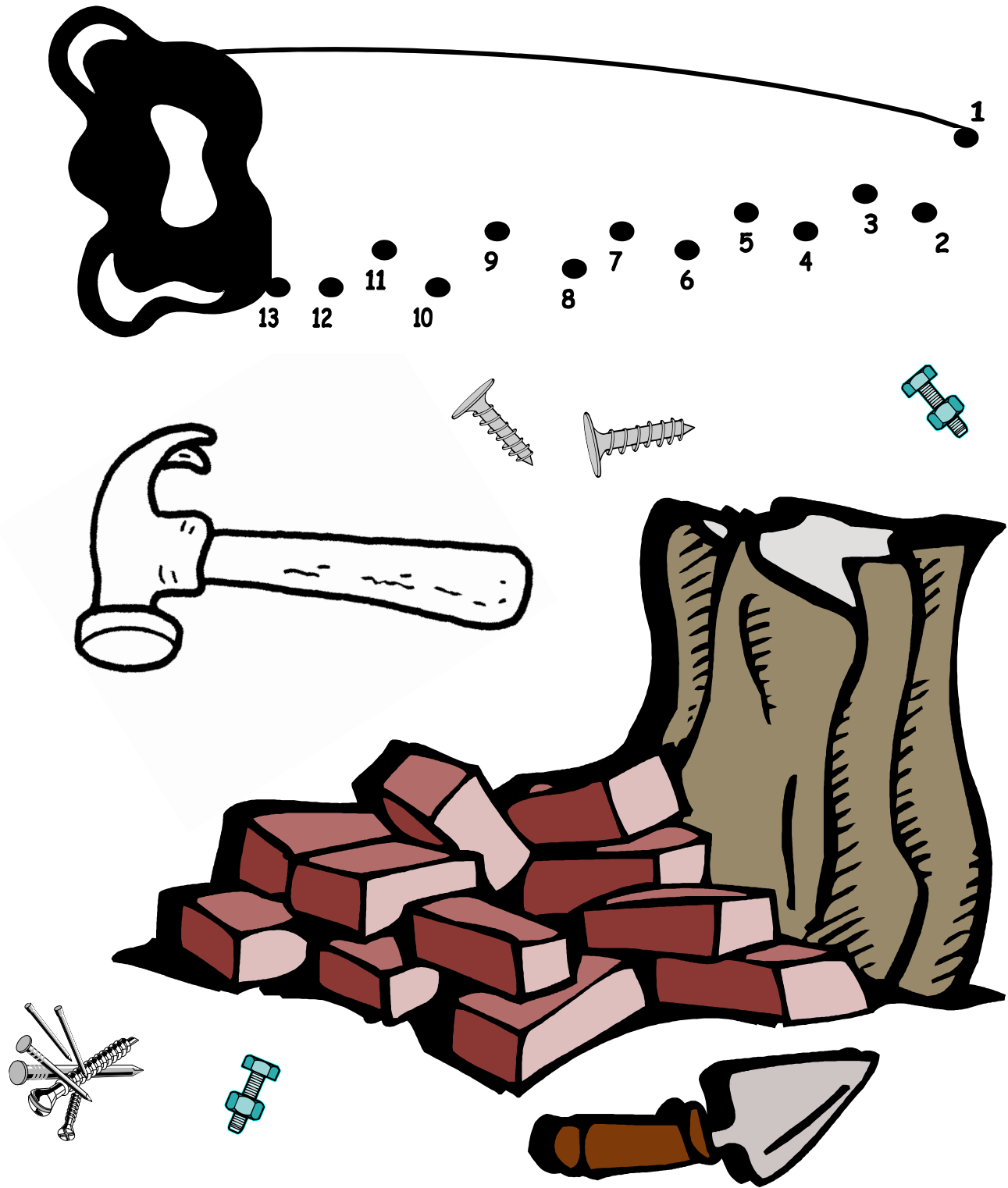
Were the Jews in Jerusalem up against a huge task that looked almost impossible to tackle?

What about David and his fight with Goliath?

Have you ever seen anyone make fun of someone else? What could you do to help?

God was with Nehemiah and the Israelite people just like he was with David when he fought Goliath. He is with you too!

Nehemiah wanted to rebuild Jerusalem. What kind of things would we build with today?





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**NAME THAT GATE:** Some of the letters have fallen off the gates. Unscramble the letters and see if you can name the gates. Check Nehemiah 2 and 3 for the names of the gates for the city of Jerusalem.

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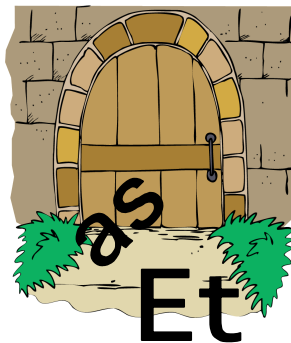
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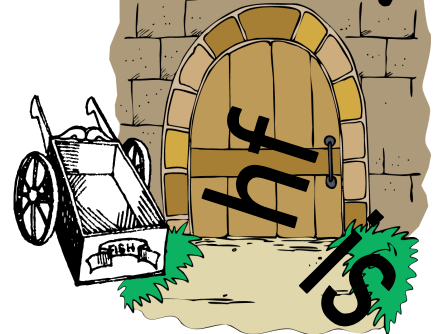
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