TAKE-HOME

BIBLE PASSAGE: EZRA 1–3; 7; NEHEMIAH 1–2 After 70 years in exile, King Cyrus allowed the Israelites to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. Ezra led more people back and called them to turn from sin. Nehemiah returned to lead the rebuilding of the city walls. God used His people to restore the city.

POINT TO JESUS: The Israelites were returning to a broken city. Our whole world was broken when Adam and Eve sinned. Our world has pain, hurt, broken relationships, and so many other awful things. Worst of all, our relationship with God is broken. Jesus paid the price for our sin, fixing the sin problem and making it possible for us to live with God forever. And one day, Jesus will restore this whole broken world and make it new.

BRITE Idea

God works through His people.

FAMILIES, ASK THESE THREE QUESTIONS!

? **WHAT WAS THE MOST INTERESTING THING YOU LEARNED ABOUT THE EXILES RETURNING HOME TODAY?**

HE **DOES GOD NEED PEOPLE?**
God doesn't need anyone or anything, but He loves us and chooses to involve us in His work.

WE **HOW CAN GOD WORK THROUGH US?**
God calls us to share His love and serve others—in our church, in our community, and around the world.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

(PSALM 145:3)

HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?

CHOOSE ONE:

- ☐ I can talk to God about …
- ☐ I wonder …
- ☐ I can remember …
- ☐ I can …

DRAW OR WRITE YOUR RESPONSE

YOUR FAMILY'S WIN THIS WEEK …

Make a list of gifts and talents God has given your family. Beside each gift, write ways you can use that gift to serve God.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD

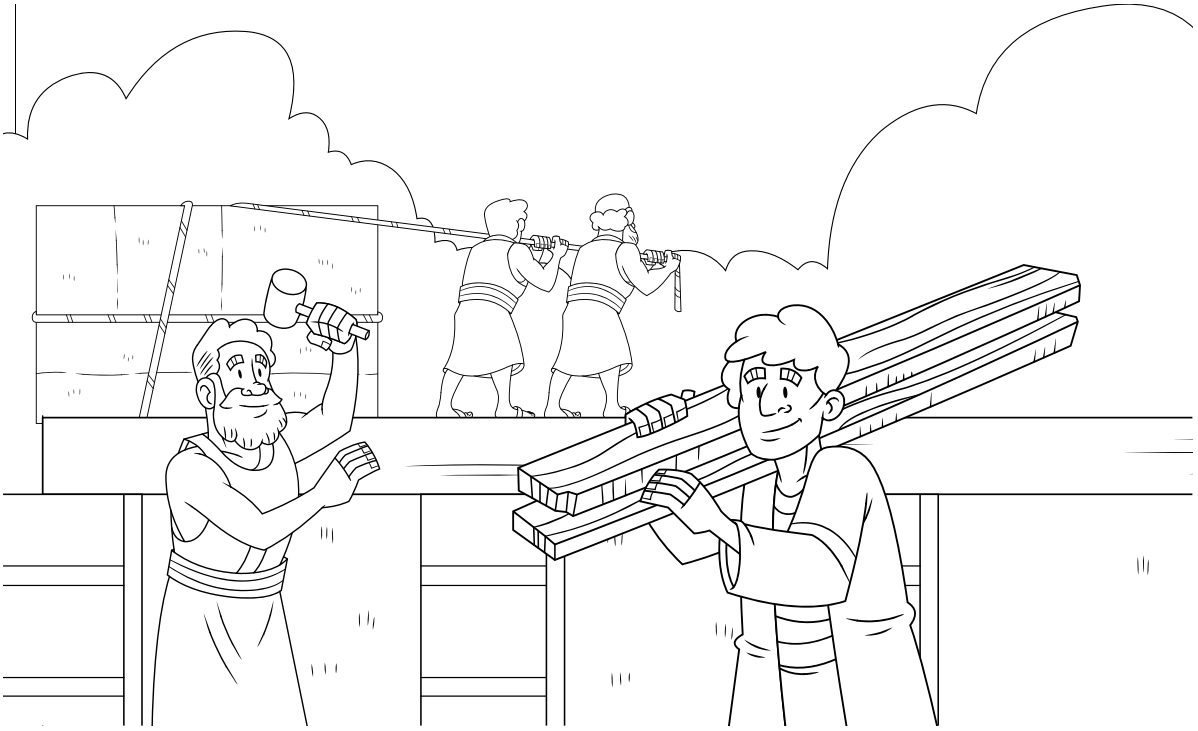
Earning salvation can be a tough topic for kids. We can help kids view this topic through the lens of Scripture. Learn more about this and how to have a conversation at home here. Britecurriculum.com/tough-topics

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TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES

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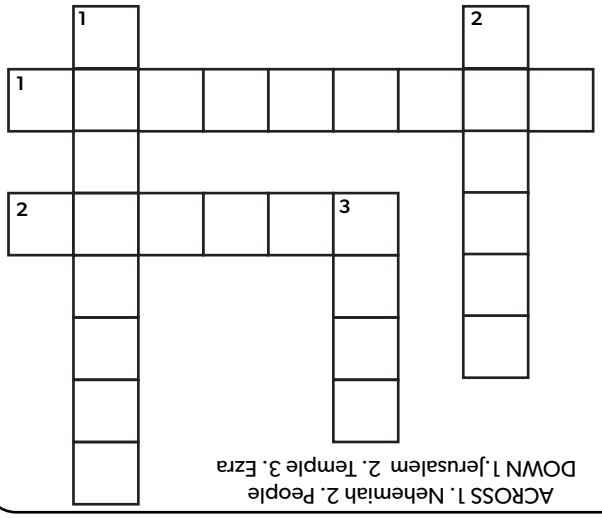
CROSSWORD

DOWN

1. The city God's people returned to rebuild after 70 years in exile.
2. The special building the Israelites rebuilt to worship God.
3. The leader who taught God's Word and called the people to turn back to God.

ACROSS

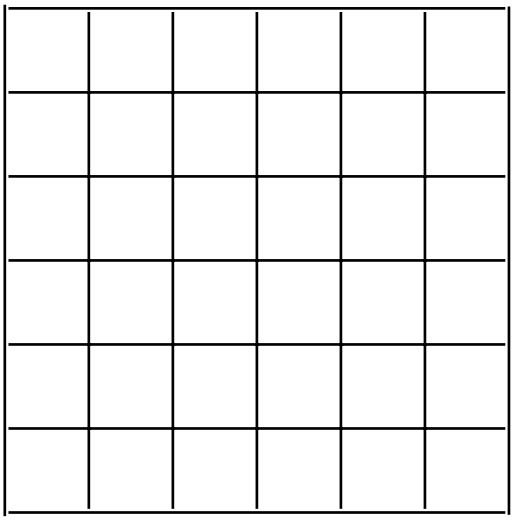
1. The leader who helped rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
2. God chooses to work through His _____.



ACROSS 1. Nehemiah 2. People
DOWN 1. Jerusalem 2. Temple 3. Ezra

OBSTRUCTION

- Find a partner. One will be "x" and one will be "o".
- Write your shape in a square. Shade in all the squares around it.
- The next player will write their shape in a square and shade the squares around it.
- The first player who can't make a move loses!



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