



Sunday School @Home

Partnering with Parents to help build faith that lasts a lifetime!!

Preschool Parents,

Week 3, here we go! Welcome to a new week with fresh possibilities! One of the new ways I'm exploring is a new curriculum. Last week we tried the Gospel Project (how did it go?), and for the next two weeks, we will be using the Orange curriculum's "I can Follow Jesus." Maybe you've heard of it? They are also the makers of the Parent Cue app (do you have it yet? If not, click [here!](#)) Let me know how you and your kids like this lesson and your time together. You are teaching your kids who THEY can follow! Enjoy!

READ: Matthew 9:9-13 (Matthew follows Jesus)

DO: Follow the leader game or play Simon says. Take turns following or being the leader. Print this and do the activities and pray with your kids!

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WATCH: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/6860371>

(there is a song at the beginning, learn it together! Sing and dance with your kids 😊)

REVIEW:

- 1) Who followed Jesus when no one wanted to talk to him?
- 2) Who can you follow?
- 3) Say the memory verse together with motions (Matt 4:19)

Use this placemat to decorate and talk about all the people who followed Jesus.

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Hope you have fun with this! I also would love your feedback.

Have a great week,

Kjirsten, Early Life Director, kjirstend@westminster.org

Elementary Parents,

How are you doing with social distancing? A lot has changed in the last week or so and we are all home, all the time. As we adjust to a new normal, I encourage you to keep studying God's Word with your children. I have prepared a lesson that you can do at home this week, a little each day.

We are continuing our series about God's provision to the Israelites after they were allowed to return from exile. We will study Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah and Malachi. This week, we start talking about Nehemiah who had to trust that God would provide a way to build a wall to keep Jerusalem safe. I encourage you to watch a short video and answer some questions as a family. I would love to see pictures of your family doing these activities or receive emails from your children about what they are doing during the week. Stay in touch!

Have a great week!

Martha Clay, Elementary Director, marthac@westminster.org

OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS:

This week, we begin studying the story of Nehemiah and Ezra. Nehemiah was a Jew living in Persia. He served as the king's cupbearer, a position of great trust; the cupbearer made sure no one poisoned the king's drink. Sometimes the cupbearer even tasted some of the drink himself to ensure it was safe.

When the Persian Empire conquered the Babylonians, King Cyrus allowed God's people to return to Judah. Two or three million Jews had originally been deported, but only a remnant—50,000 people—returned. They set up their homes and rebuilt God's temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah's story takes place after Ezra led a second group of exiles back to Judah.

Nehemiah received word about God's people who had returned to Judah. They were in trouble and living in shame; the walls of Jerusalem were broken down, and the city gates were burned. They lived in fear, unprotected from their enemies. Nehemiah sat down and wept.

Nehemiah fasted and prayed for days. He remembered God's promise to His people. Their disobedience led to exile, but if they turned back to the Lord, their obedience would lead to blessing. God promised to restore their fortunes and give His people a home. (See Deut. 30:1-10.)

The king noticed Nehemiah's sadness, and Nehemiah was afraid. No one was supposed to be sad in the presence of the king; it was an insult to his greatness. Nehemiah explained the plight of his city. The king granted him leave and gave him letters to ensure his safe passage. Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem. He encouraged the people to rebuild the walls and stood confidently against opposition.

Nehemiah trusted that God would keep His promise to protect His people and give them a home. When we trust in Jesus, we believe God will keep His promise to give us—His people—a home. Jesus obeyed God perfectly. He died on the cross and rose again so we can have a home with Him forever.

Help your kids understand that when we repent and trust in Jesus, we can trust His promise to prepare a place for us in His Father's house, where we will be with Him forever. (See John 14:3.)

Christ Connection: *Nehemiah trusted that God would keep His promise to protect His people and give them a home. When we trust in Jesus, we believe God will keep His promise to give us—His people—a home. Jesus obeyed God perfectly. He died on the cross and rose again so we can have a home with Him forever.*

SESSION TITLE: God the Provider: Nehemiah Heard News of Jerusalem

BIBLE PASSAGE: Nehemiah 1-2

KEY POINT: Does God keep His promises? Yes, God is always faithful even when we are not.

KEY VERSE: Lamentations 3:22-23, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

MAIN POINT: Nehemiah prayed that God would help His people rebuild Jerusalem's walls.

SUNDAY: Watch the Bible Story Video (link below) and discuss the story.

NEHEMIAH HEARD NEWS OF JERUSALEM

- Nehemiah heard about the destruction in Jerusalem.
- Nehemiah prayed that God would help His people rebuild Jerusalem's walls.
- The king of Persia saw how sad Nehemiah was and agreed to send him to rebuild the walls.
- Nehemiah encouraged the people to rebuild the walls.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do we sometimes forget to pray about our problems?
- How can we know prayer really helps?

MONDAY: Write Lamentations 3:22-23 on a piece of paper. Cut it up and practice putting it back together. How has God loved your family?

TUESDAY: Do the activity sheet. (Pages 5 & 6 of link below.)

WEDNESDAY: Read Nehemiah 1-2

THURSDAY: Watch the Discussion Starter video (link below). When you hear about someone in need, how do you react?

FRIDAY: Write a note to someone in a different city. (If you need someone to write to, write to Mrs. Clay at 14437 SE 78 Way, Newcastle, WA 98059)

SATURDAY: As a family, build a Rube Goldberg machine to do some small task. Talk to your kids about ways we make things harder instead of seeking wisdom from God.

Bible Story Video: https://westminsterchapel-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/marthac_westminster_org/EcUm085DBbdJnRvpOPekxOcBu-Jqtlp5vPiZCTruPRx1vA?e=SKsdcb

Discussion Starter Video: https://westminsterchapel-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/marthac_westminster_org/ERf7c9lqsTZcPwGnTPRUOSUBQQZZjkV8nIO-QcAB3mtN9g?e=Y5WL7g

Activity Sheet: https://westminsterchapel-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/marthac_westminster_org/ER7Fc66O74lDqo9liwe8l4lB8ludGcvypixB6NEMlmiDJw?e=axnEW5

Books of the Bible Video: https://westminsterchapel-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/marthac_westminster_org/EQwpe8lsTARLI3bxShqLxL0Bpk8JY7rfQdFdgBIDIAYwFA?e=aaB3wp

ONLINE RESOURCES

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

There are many great learning opportunities for all ages on RightNow Media. We encourage you to explore what is available. If you don't have an account, sign up for a RightNow Media account. It is FREE! You can [CREATE AN ACCOUNT ONLINE](#) or by TEXTING **RightNow WESTMINSTER** to the number **41411**.

Elementary Students – Check out “What’s in the Bible?” and “The Fun & Easy Family Devotionals with Phil Vischer”. We have used these in Sunday School.

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