

Building More Than Walls

Nehemiah 7:1–73

1. **Category One:** _____

2. **Category Two:** _____

3. **Category Three:** _____

Application:

For the Family

Review our story so far:

Nehemiah went to Jerusalem to repair the walls around the city. He rallied the people to rebuild them, spread them around the wall, and began the work. Some enemies of Jerusalem tried to stop them, but Nehemiah prayed and posted guards. Despite increased opposition from their enemies, they completed the wall in 52 days!

Read together Nehemiah 7:1-4

Explain that Nehemiah's job has changed from getting the walls built to helping the people become a community. He appointed people to fill the jobs they needed done: gatekeepers, worship leaders, and priests. He also appointed new leaders.

Read again Nehemiah 7:2 – I gave my brother Hanani and Hananiah the governor of the castle charge over Jerusalem, for he was a more *faithful* and *God-fearing* man than many.

Talk together about the two character traits of Hananiah that led Nehemiah to appoint him to be a leader. He was *faithful* and *God-fearing*:

"Faithful" means that you do what you say. You don't tell lies. You keep your promises. People can trust you to do your work.

Read Proverbs 10:9 – Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.

"God-fearing" means to respect and honor God, to let him be in charge. It means you do what God wants you to do.

Read together Proverbs 1:7 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Talk together about how important it is to be faithful (to do what you say you will do) and to fear God (to do what God wants).

Pray together that you will always be faithful and that you will always honor and respect God in everything you do.