

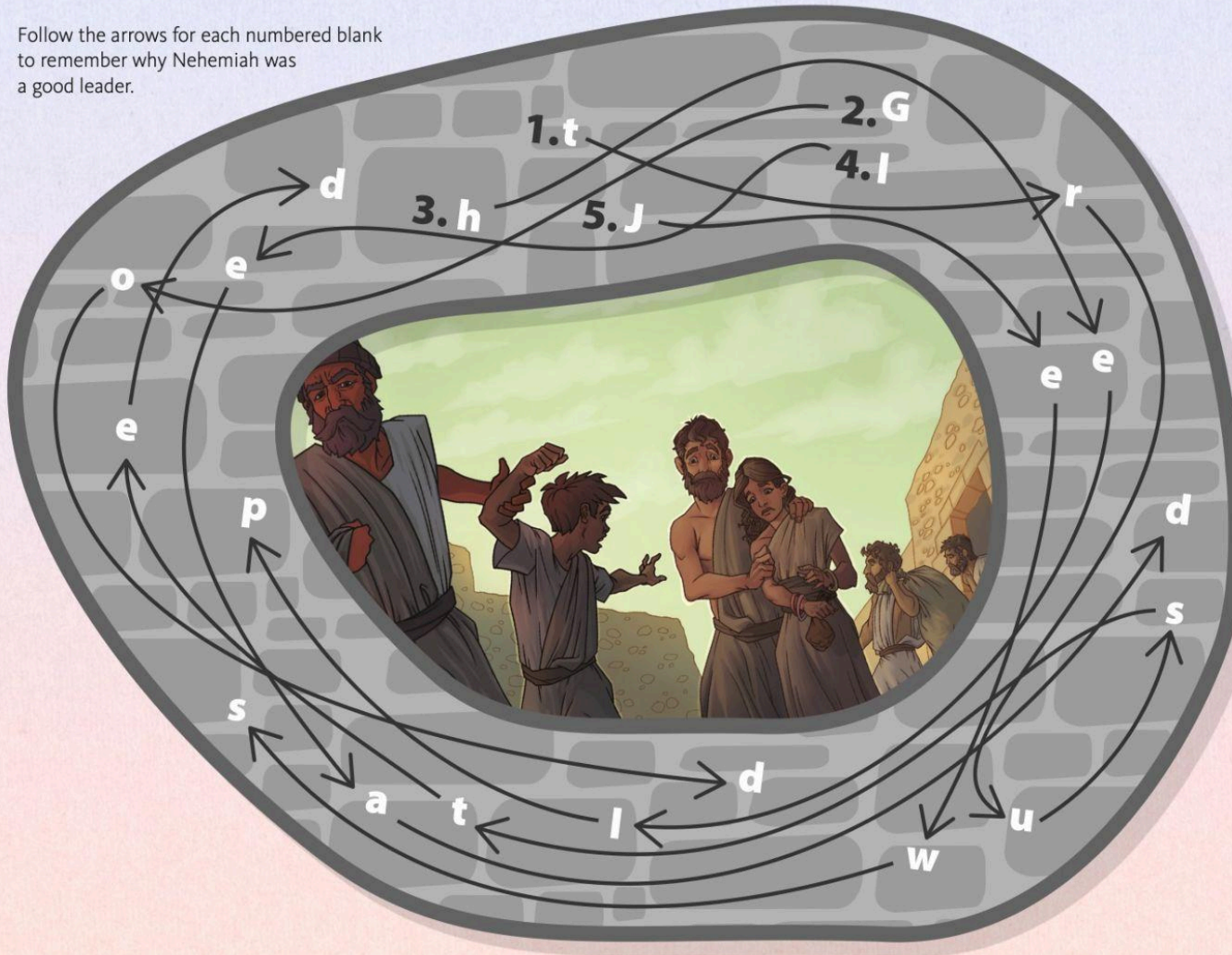


Grades 2-3 • Unit 12 • Lesson 117

Nehemiah Governs Jerusalem

Nehemiah 5:1-4, 6:9, 6:12-14, 8:8-10

Follow the arrows for each numbered blank to remember why Nehemiah was a good leader.



Nehemiah _____ in _____ to _____ him _____ the _____.

1 2 3 4 5

Answers: 1) trusted, 2) God, 3) help, 4) lead, 5) Jews

Name _____

Memory Verse

The word parts below are missing from the memory verse. Match the colors to fill in the blanks.

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I will re _____ the
fortunes of Ju _____ and the
for _____ of Israel, and
rebuild them as they were at
first. I will cleanse them from
all the guilt of their sin
_____ gainst me, and I
will _____ give all the guilt
of their sin and
re _____ ion against me.

Jeremiah 33:7-8

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God protected Nehemiah from the traps and threats of his enemies.
- Nehemiah showed the Jewish nobles and officials how they were sinning against their own people. He organized a reading of the Law of God for all the people, who responded with true repentance.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend says he wants to be a leader so he can tell everyone what to do. **What could you say?**

That's good you want to lead others. The Bible has lots of examples of people God called to lead. But the best leaders were the ones who humbly trusted in God to help them serve. Gideon was afraid at first, but as he learned to trust God, the Lord used him to deliver the Israelites from an enormous army. Nehemiah knew that rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem would be a huge task, but he trusted God to help him complete the project and to govern the people wisely. Jesus said that leaders should be servants. He was a perfect example of a leader as he helped people everywhere he went, healing and teaching—and even washing the disciples' feet. So being a good leader isn't telling everyone else what to do—it's showing them how things ought to be done by humbly trusting the Lord as you serve them.

