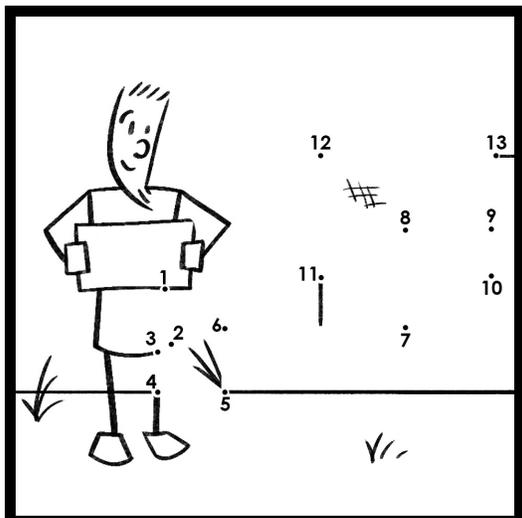


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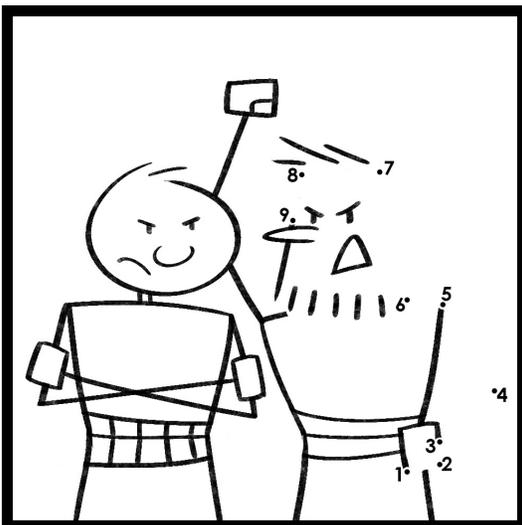
Wk 4 - K-3 - Bible Story Sheet



This is a true story from the Bible about a man who did NOT quit, even when things got really hard for him. His name was Nehemiah. As we start our story, you can connect the dots in the first picture on your page. This is a picture of Nehemiah working hard to rebuild a giant wall.

You see, Nehemiah was living in a place called Babylon. One day, a man from Nehemiah's hometown of Jerusalem came to see him. When Nehemiah asked how things were going in Jerusalem, the man told Nehemiah some bad news. What do you think the bad news was? (ALLOW responses) Those are good guesses.

The man told Nehemiah that the wall surrounding Jerusalem was in bad shape. This was bad news because the wall protected the city from enemy attacks. The people in Jerusalem needed help! So, Nehemiah got permission to go back home to rebuild the wall. When he got there, the wall was crumbling. Nehemiah knew he couldn't do it alone, so he got a team to help!

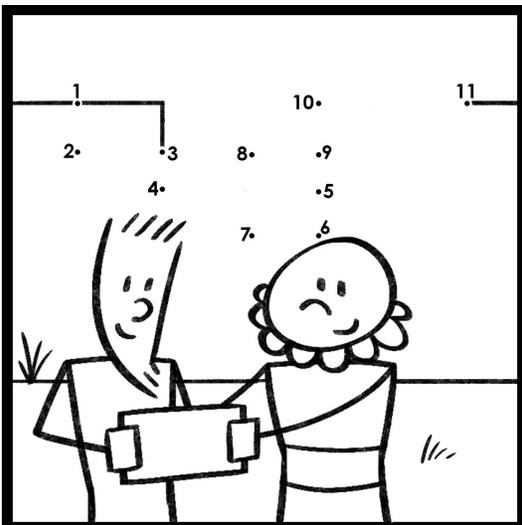


Nehemiah and his team were working hard, and things were going great. Then, something bad started happening. Jerusalem's enemies did NOT like that the wall was being rebuilt, so they came up with a plan to try to stop Nehemiah and his team from working on the wall.

You can go ahead and connect the dots of the next picture. It's two of Jerusalem's enemies. They were NOT happy that Nehemiah's team was working on the wall, so they wanted to trick Nehemiah into stopping his work.

They sent him a message asking him to come and meet with them. Nehemiah knew that God wanted him to keep working on the wall, and he didn't have time for distractions like meeting with the men. So, he sent them a message back, saying that he was really busy working on the wall right now.

Do you think the bad guys shrugged their shoulders and gave up? (ALLOW responses) Let's see what happened next!



The bad guys didn't stop. They kept sending Nehemiah messages—in fact, they sent him five different messages! They even threatened to start spreading lies about him. Then, they sent a man to trick him. The man told Nehemiah his life was in danger, and he needed to go hide in the temple. But Nehemiah knew the truth. No matter how many messages the men sent, Nehemiah always replied in the same way—he was going to keep working. Nehemiah knew what God wanted him to do, and he was going to follow Him no matter what. He prayed to God and encouraged his team to keep working.

You can connect the dots on your third picture. It's of Nehemiah finishing the wall!

Because they didn't quit, they were able to finish the whole wall in only 52 days! That's pretty incredible. Nehemiah and his team knew that on God's team, players don't quit!