

»»» COMMUNITY KIDS «««

THE PEOPLE WORSHIPED GOD

NEHEMIAH 7-13



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Pray for the strength to worship God with obedience today. How is obedience a way of worshiping God? How can remembering His faithfulness help you obey Him?
- **Evenings:** Praise God for the ways you've seen His faithfulness today. How do sunrises and sunsets remind you of His faithfulness? How can your family, your home, and the food you ate be a reminder of God's compassion toward you?

»»» MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION:

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S
BIBLE STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

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BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is the Bible about?

The Bible is the story of God's plan to save people through Jesus.

Dear Families,

Do your parents have a photo album or memory box where special memories are kept? People often keep photos or memorabilia to help them remember special occasions like the day they were married, a baby's first steps, or a high schooler's graduation. **We keep these items because we want to remember the good times we shared as a family.**

Looking back on good memories can also remind us of God's faithfulness. After God's people returned to their homeland, they had to rebuild their houses and their lives. As they entered this new beginning, they took time to remember the ways God had been faithful to them. They recounted the ways God led the Israelites out of Egypt and through the wilderness. They retold stories of God's faithfulness to provide bread from heaven for the people to eat. **Even when the people did not trust God or obey His commands, God remained faithful to His people.**

The Bible says that God is patient with us. He does not want us to die in our sin, but He wants all of us to come to repentance (1 Timothy 2:4). All of us can look back and see God's faithfulness in our lives. It may be in big ways or small ways, but just the fact that we have more days to learn about Him is a gift of His grace. **His ultimate gift of grace is Jesus—the Savior who can rescue us from sin.**

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Pray: God, You are faithful. You always do what You promise. Thank You for loving us and showing compassion to us. Even though we have been unfaithful, You remain faithful. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus and His sacrifice. Through faith in Him, we can experience the fullness of Your mercy and grace. Amen.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES<<<

For Fun: Look through some family photo albums to recount special occasions. Share stories and memories with one another. End the time by thanking God for the memories He has given your family and the reminders of His faithfulness.

To Serve: Invite other families to join you in a family worship night. Sing worship songs together, ask parents or kids to share testimonies of God's faithfulness, and take time to thank God for His compassion and grace. Provide instant-film cameras for families to capture memories of the night for future celebrations.



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

“These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

—John 20:31