

»»» COMMUNITY KIDS «««

EZRA TAUGHT GOD'S LAW

NEHEMIAH 7-13



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Thank God for the Bible and all it teaches us about His plan to save sinners through Jesus. What does the Bible show us about our sin? How does the Bible point us to Jesus as Savior and Lord?
- **Evenings:** Ask God to give you a love for His Word and help you understand it. How does spending more time reading and memorizing God's Word help us love Him and the Bible? Who can help you understand God's Word?

»»» 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,

The Bible is the best-selling book of all time. An estimated 5 to 7 billion Bibles have been purchased worldwide. Approximately 80 million Bibles produced this year! It is also the most translated book of all time. At least a portion of the Bible has been translated into 3,500 languages! **God's Word continues to spread around the world and change hearts as people hear the truth about Jesus.**

The prophet Ezra loved to study and teach God's law. After returning to Jerusalem and promising to follow God, the people of Israel gathered to hear Ezra read from God's Word. For hours and hours, the people stood and listened to Ezra read. The people cried and repented as God's Word showed them how they had disobeyed God. Ezra told the people to prepare a feast to celebrate the power of God's Word.

The Bible consists of God's words to us. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible shows how our sin separates us from a holy God. It also shows us God's plan to fix all that is broken by sending His own Son, Jesus, to be the Savior we all need. Jesus perfectly obeyed God's commands, died on the cross in the place of sinners, and rose again to conquer sin and death. As we read the Bible, we learn that forgiveness and salvation are God's gifts to all who believe in Jesus!

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Pray: God, Your Word is perfect and powerful! The Bible shows us our sin, but we praise You because it also shows us Jesus and His power to save us from sin. Help us understand Your Word and let it change us to honor You more. Amen.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES<<<

For Fun: Throw a party to celebrate God's work in your family. Decorate, serve cake, and sing worship songs as a family. Take turns telling stories and naming specific things God has done for you this past year.

To Serve: Enter the key passage, John 20:31, into a translator app to hear how it sounds in a different language, such as Spanish or French. Practice saying the verse together in both English and the new language. Talk about how God's Word is shared all around the world in many languages. Pray for all people around the world to one day hear God's Word in their native language. Remind kids that God's Word is needed for people to hear and understand the good news of Jesus!



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