

## Church at Home Pack – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Join us in church for our 10:30am service on Sunday or watch live at home on

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

**In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.**

*Our verse for the year is the same as last year's verse as we think about the difference being with Jesus makes to our lives*

**When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.**

*Acts 4:13*

### GATHER TOGETHER

#### ***A prayer to start –***

Dear Lord

As we gather together may we sense your love at work in our church family

You have blessed us all with different skills and gifts

Show us how to be a united community

Show us how to work together for your glory

Bless us with unity, hope and vision

**Amen**

#### **Action reminder –**

From the top of my head

*(Touch head)*

to the tips of my toes;

*(Touch toes)*

from the lobes of my ears

*(Touch ear lobes)*

to the end of my nose;

*(Touch nose)*

from my back, to my front

*(Turn round)*

to my wiggly fingers,

*(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)*

God loves me!

*(jump up and down)*

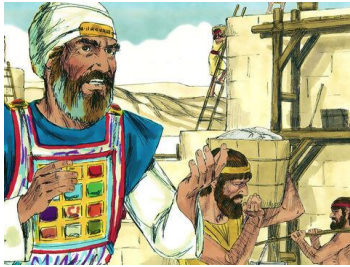


## READ TOGETHER

### Nehemiah 3: 1-12



#### International Children's Bible (ICB)



<sup>3</sup> Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work. They rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They gave it to the Lord's service and set its doors in place. They worked as far as the Tower of the Hundred, and they gave it to the Lord's service. Then they went on to the Tower of Hananel. <sup>2</sup>The men of Jericho built the part of the wall next to the priests. And Zaccur son of Imri built next to them.

<sup>3</sup>The sons of Hassenaah rebuilt the Fish Gate. They set the boards in place. And they put its doors, bolts and bars in place. <sup>4</sup>Meremoth son of Uriah made repairs next to them. (Uriah was the son of Hakkoz.) Meshullam son of Berekiah worked next to Meremoth. (Berekiah was the son of Meshezabel.) And Zadok son of Baana worked next to Meshullam. <sup>5</sup>The men from Tekoa made repairs next to them. But the leading men of Tekoa would not work under their supervisors.

<sup>6</sup>Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate. They set its boards in place. And they put its doors, bolts and bars in place. <sup>7</sup>Next to them, men from Gibeon and Mizpah made repairs. Melatiah was from Gibeon, and Jadon was from Meronoth. These places were ruled by the governor west of the Euphrates River. <sup>8</sup>Next to them, Uzziel son of Harhaiah made repairs. He was a goldsmith. And next to him, Hananiah made repairs. He was one of the people who made perfume. These men rebuilt Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. <sup>9</sup>The next part of the wall was repaired by Rephaiah son of Hur. He was ruler of half of the district of Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>Next to him, Jedaiah son of Harumaph made repairs. He worked opposite his own house. And next to him, Hattush son of Hashabneiah made repairs. <sup>11</sup>Malkijah son of Harim and Hasshub son of Pahath-Moab repaired another part of the wall. And they repaired the Tower of the Ovens. <sup>12</sup>Next to them, Shallum son of Hallohesh made repairs. He was ruler of half of the district of Jerusalem. His daughters helped him.

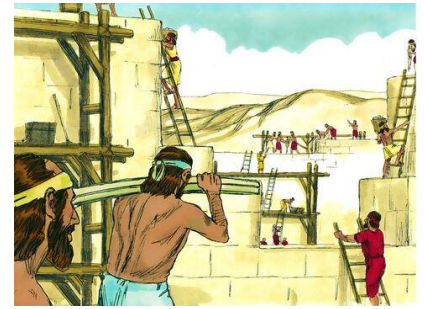
#### New International Version (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. <sup>2</sup>The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.

<sup>3</sup>The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid its beams and put its doors and bolts and bars in place. <sup>4</sup>Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired the next section. Next to him Meshullam son of Berekiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs, and next to him Zadok son of Baana also made repairs. <sup>5</sup>The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.

<sup>6</sup>The Jeshanah Gate was repaired by Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. <sup>7</sup>Next to them, repairs were made by men from Gibeon and Mizpah—Melatiah of Gibeon and Jadon of Meronoth—places under the authority of the governor of Trans-Euphrates. <sup>8</sup>Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next

section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that. They restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. <sup>9</sup> Rephaiah son of Hur, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section. <sup>10</sup> Adjoining this, Jedaiah son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house, and Hattush son of Hashabneiah made repairs next to him. <sup>11</sup> Malkijah son of Harim and Hasshub son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. <sup>12</sup> Shallum son of Hallohesh, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section with the help of his daughters.



## WATCH TOGETHER



***Nehemiah rebuilds the walls of Jerusalem (Part 1)*** – Bible Heroes of Faith

<https://youtu.be/1ZfXzzS3U-c>



***Nehemiah Team Building*** – Here the young people at New Life Ranch Christian Camp show us how they work together to complete various fun challenges! <https://youtu.be/nP1aXdtbEhQ>

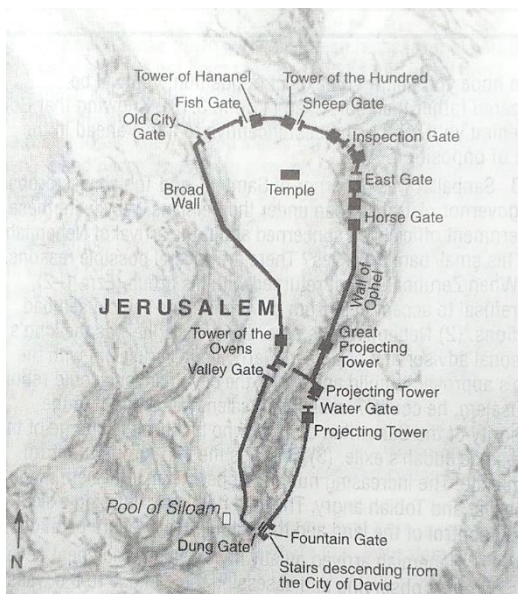
There is a team building game in the ***Play Together*** section that you might like to try!

## TALK TOGETHER

- What does teamwork look like? Are you part of a team? What part do you play?

## STUDY TOGETHER

Read the whole of Nehemiah 3.



Nehemiah takes us on a tour around Jerusalem, beginning with the Sheep Gate. He describes for us each section, gate and tower on the wall and who worked to rebuild it.

- Before he began work, Nehemiah prayed, made a plan and then organised his workforce. Why do you think he did things in that order?
  - Nehemiah was a practical person. God blessed him with good organisational skills. Do we sometimes try to organise God? How can we avoid that?
  - Do we see a difference in the prayer and the practical approaches to a problem? How can they work together?
  - What sort of people worked on the wall? What skills did they have?
- In what ways do you think being part of the team that rebuilt the walls also rebuilt the community?
  - What does this chapter say to you about how we work together in church?

## PLAY TOGETHER

### *Working together to build the walls*



The whole of **Nehemiah 3** is an account of the teamwork required to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

This is something you can do as a family, with friends or in a group. Sit in a circle and give each person a pile of building bricks (lego/duplo or wooden blocks) – you could use Jenga type blocks or even cardboard boxes from the recycling. Each person builds their own section of wall. You might like to allocate gates to build (Sheep, Fish, Horse, Fountain etc.) and customise your walls!

When all the walls are built, work together to join them up to form one wall.

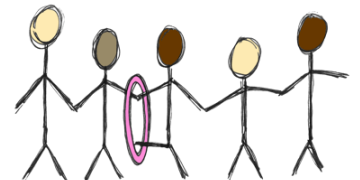
- How did it go? Was it easy to work as a team?

In the **Watch Together** section, we saw some young people on a Christian Camp trying out some team building activities. Here's one you might like to try:

### *Hula Hoop Pass*



Stand in a circle. One person places a hula hoop on their arm and the group then close the circle by holding hands. The aim is to move the hula hoop around the circle (passing it over each person) without letting go of any hands! \* If you don't have a hula hoop you can do this with a long scarf or piece of string tied into a loop – just make sure it's big enough to go over everyone in the group.



## MAKE TOGETHER



### **Part of God's Team!**

Nehemiah didn't rebuild the walls on his own. God gave him the skills to plan, organise and gather teams of people to work together on it. We are all part of God's team – you may be part of a family, a class, a club, a Life Group or a team at work or in church.

If you are a family living together at home or maybe as a Life Group or other church team, you might like to make a 'Part of God's Team' Poster like the one here.

As a reminder of today's Bible passage and to show their commitment to using their skills and gifts for God's team, everyone can add their name to a brick.



## SING TOGETHER

*Build your Kingdom here* – Rend Collective: <https://youtu.be/sbdJXKqVgtg>

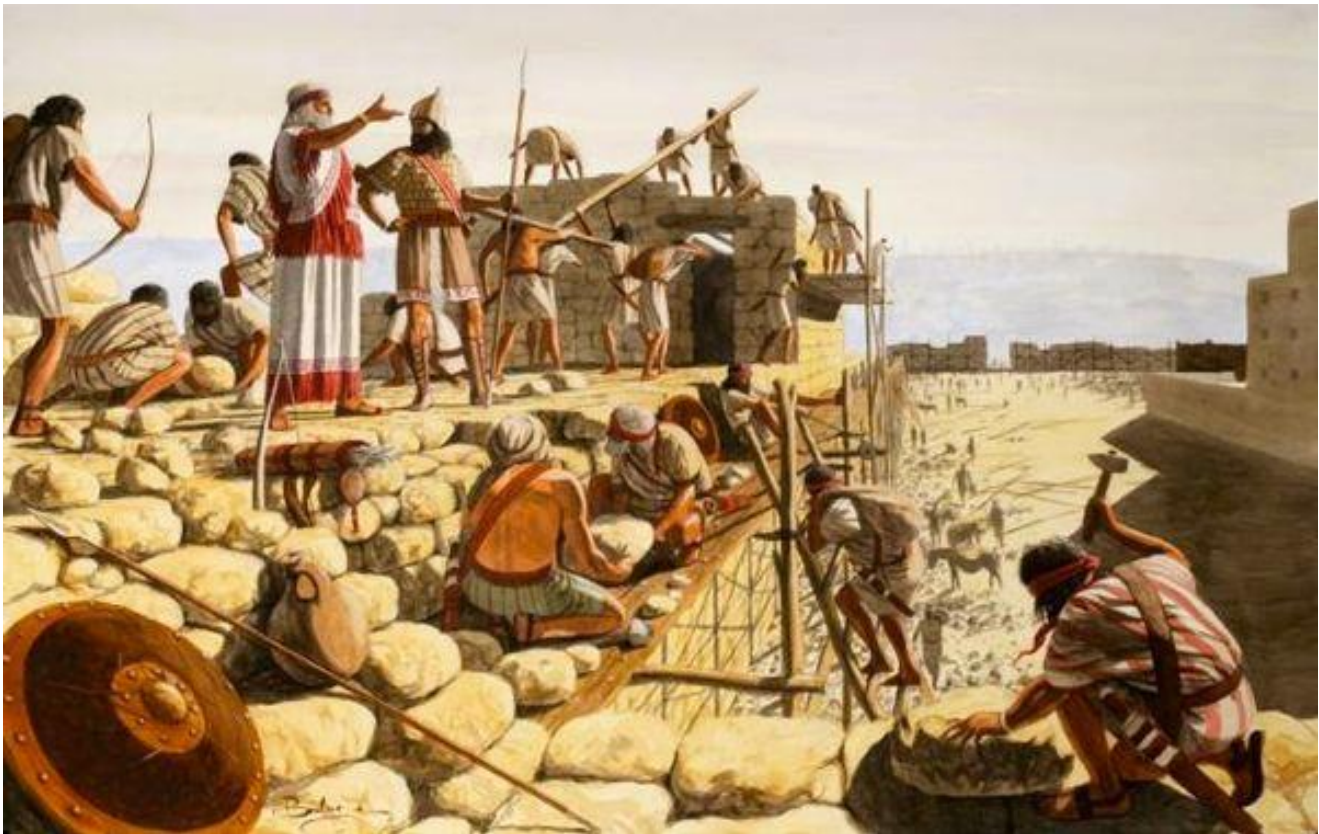
*When we pray* – Tauren Wells: <https://youtu.be/9YZZzgJB33E>

*Teamwork (TEAM) Together Everyone Accomplishes More!* – Tim Woolley: <https://youtu.be/-1tv0lrNTKs>

*An Army of Ordinary People* – Dave Bilbrough: <https://youtu.be/-Hts8wyqPY>

## REFLECT TOGETHER

Look at this picture of the people working together to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. There were all sorts of different people with different skills, but they were all able to contribute something.



### **Chris said in his Sermon Snippet:**

As they built the wall they were also building a sense of community. The City of David, God's city, was being rebuilt to the glory of God, and the nation was being rebuilt as the people of God.

- Do you have a sense of rebuilding in our church and community now?
- How could you play a part in that?

## PRAY TOGETHER

### ***The Problem and The Prayer... then The Plan***

If you used 'The Problem and The Prayer' activity from last week's pack you could add an additional column this week.

When he heard about the state of the walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah didn't try to solve the problem on his own. His first response was to take it to God in prayer. Then he made a plan and gathered a team. Have a look back at the problems and the prayers you wrote last week. Is God showing you a plan to solve the problem?

The Problem	The Prayer	The Plan

### **A prayer for working together**

Lord,

When we see people who need you

**ALL: (Circling left) Help us to work together to bring them to you.**

When we see people who are sad

**ALL: (Circling right) Help us to work together to bring them to you.**

When we see people who are lonely

**ALL: (Circling left) Help us to work together to bring them to you.**

When we see people who are scared

**ALL: (Circling right) Help us to work together to bring them to you.**

When we see people who are hurting

**ALL: (Circling left) Help us to work together to bring them to you.**

When we see people who need you

**ALL: (Circling right) Help us to work together to bring them to you.**

**Amen.**

Lord, we are an army of ordinary people

Let us be a church family, where love is the key

Let us be people whose lives are in Jesus

Let us be united in our work for you

**Amen**



## DO TOGETHER

### ***Teamwork!***

When the walls of Jerusalem were being rebuilt there would have been lots of different jobs to do – it wasn't just bricklaying! Everyone came together and did their bit.

In the same way, there are lots of jobs to be done within our church family and our community and we all have a part to play, no matter who we are.

Life as we knew it stopped 18 months ago. Although we never stopped gathering to worship, church as we knew it was very different. As we gradually try to restart and rebuild, think about the things that happen each week in church. How do they happen. Teamwork!

Think about the gifts and skills you have. Find out where the needs are. Is there a team that you can serve on?

Let's get building!



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