

Building Your Life for God



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Lesson 11

Ezra and Nehemiah

Your child should understand...

Repentance—Sorrow for sin; deciding to obey God

Your child should be able to...

1. Identify what the people did when Ezra began to read God's Law.
2. Identify how the people responded with repentance to Ezra's reading of the Law.

Your child should be memorizing...

Nehemiah 8:6

“All of the people lifted up their hands. They said, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down...And they worshiped the Lord.”

Please read to your child...

Thursday	Nehemiah 8:2-3, 5-6
Friday	Nehemiah 9:2-3, 4b-6
Saturday	Nehemiah 9:7-8, 26, 33
Monday	Nehemiah 10:28-29
Tuesday	Nehemiah 13:1-3

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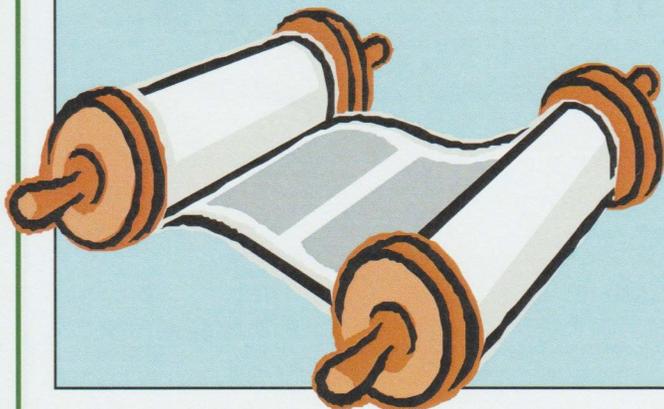
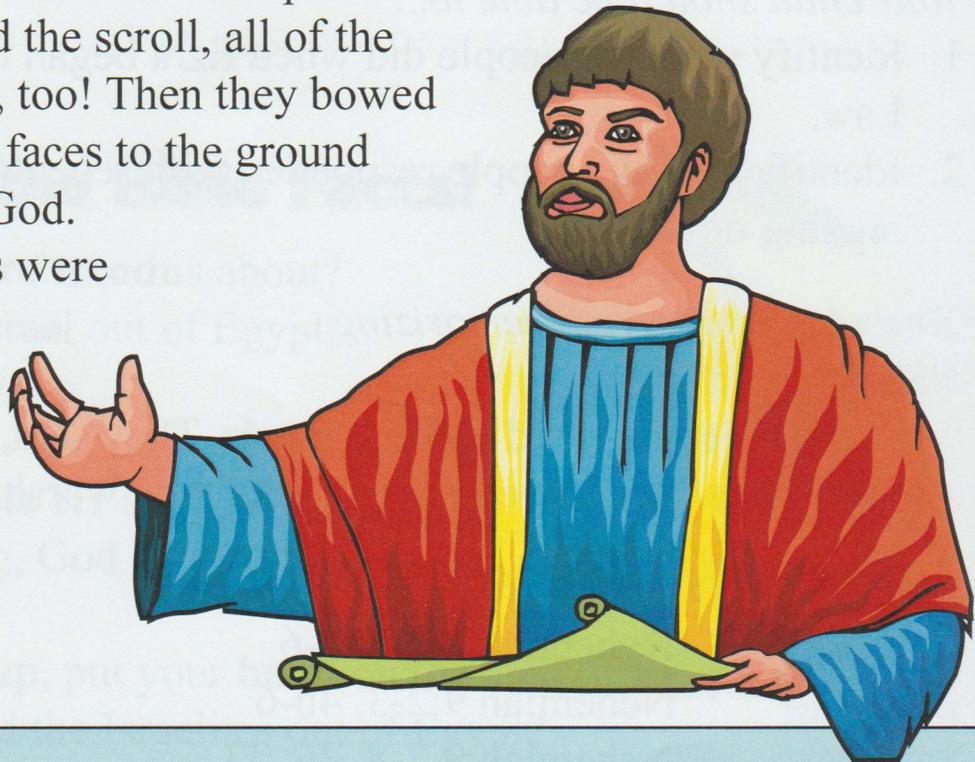
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After Nehemiah and his workers finished rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem, they asked Ezra to read God's Law to them. The Jews had been slaves in Babylon for such a long time. They were excited to be back in their own city of worship with the temple and the walls of Jerusalem all fixed.

So Ezra stood up in front of the people to read the book of the Law. He opened the scroll and praised the Lord.

When he opened the scroll, all of the people stood up, too! Then they bowed down with their faces to the ground and worshiped God.

When the words were read, the people began to cry because they were so happy to hear God's Word!



When Ezra began to read God's Law, did the people bow down and worship God?

Ezra and other teachers helped the people understand the Law. Then Nehemiah told them to have some good food and share it with the poor. Nehemiah told them to honor the Lord all that day.

Ezra read from the scroll of the Law for seven days. The people then knew how much they had sinned against God. They *repented* for their sins. This means they prayed and told God how sorry they were for sinning. They asked God to forgive them. Then they promised to change their ways and to keep God's Law. When people do all these things, they have *repented* for their sins.

**After the people heard God's Law read,
what did they do? Circle one:**

repented for their sins

played games

kept on sinning

That is exactly what we must do when we do wrong things. We must *repent*—tell God we are sorry and decide to do what is right.



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Memory Verse:

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Can you fill in the blanks in your memory verse?

Nehemiah 8: _____

“All of the _____ lifted up their _____.

They said, ‘ _____ ! _____ !’ Then they

bowed _____...And they worshiped the _____.”

Nail Down the Bible Facts!

How many books are in the **Old Testament**? (39) **Say them!**



Can you say **John 3:16**?

(“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”) NASB

Look at your **Bible map**, and put **two fingers** on the **Red Sea**.