

LEADERS KEEP WORKING EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE HARD!



Mavuno Kids Teaching Guide

Bible Passage: Nehemiah Chapter 4

Theme: LEADERSHIP

17th July 2016

Memory VERSE:

1 Timothy 4:12. ¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live.

JULY LESSONS WEEK 3: 0-3YR OLDS

STORY: Ethan learning to walk but he keeps falling and his friends laugh at him

WHAT ABOUT YOU:

- Have you tried to do something and people laughed at you?
- How did you feel?

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- Isn't that a good story?
- How many of you would like to be a good leader like Nehemiah?
- What did Nehemiah help the people to build?

Nehemiah was a good leader, even when people laughed at him, he did not give up. You too can be a good leader; good leaders keep working even when things are hard.

- Will you keep working this week even when things are hard?

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JULY LESSONS WEEK 3: 4 YEAR OLDS

STORY: Tom is in school. Mark, Ryan, Steph and Sheila are all getting ticks for their awesome writing skills. It is Tom's turn. Tom has been writing his name all night and the whole morning. It seems to be very difficult for him to get it right. After much work Tom thinks he's gotten it right. All of a sudden, teacher looks at the work, looks at Tom and gently says "Tom, you can do better than that." Tom tells teacher, "But I thought I did a good job, why?" Tom starts crying. Teacher gently pats him on the back and remarks "Don't worry Tom you have improved. I'm so proud of you." Tom stops crying and tries again. This time he is determined to get it right.

WHAT ABOUT YOU:

- Have you been trying to write your name and getting it wrong?
- Did people laugh at you?
- How did you feel?

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- Will you keep working this week even when things are hard?

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JULY LESSONS WEEK 3: 5 YEAR OLDS

STORY: Dad buys Steph and Ryan (twins) new bicycles as birthday gifts. They are both excited that they are going to learn how to ride a bicycle finally as their friends have been teasing them at school. Dad starts teaching them how to ride during the weekend. Ryan seems to get it right just by the first trial. He seems natural. He falls only once but from then he rides the bicycle almost effortlessly. Steph on the other hand, is struggling. Dad has been teaching her for 3 hours now but she keeps falling. Ryan shouts “why can’t you ride like this? Look at me!!” Steph starts getting frustrated. Dad doesn’t give up on her. He tells her “You can do it Steph, you are my best daughter, and I know you can do it. Let’s go for lunch and we will be back.” By end of day Steph is riding the bicycle just like Ryan and she’s happy she didn’t give up.

WHAT ABOUT YOU:

- Have you been trying to ride a bicycle and you keep on falling?
- Did people laugh at you?
- How did you feel?

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Nehemiah was a good leader, even when people laughed at him, he did not give up. Steph too did not give up on learning how to ride a bicycle even when people laughed at her.

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- Will you keep working hard this week even when people laugh at you?

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JULY LESSONS WEEK 3: 6-7 YEAR OLDS

STORY: Kids laughing at new kid paresh's accent while reading .Teacher reprimands kids while encouraging paresh

It was the English lesson in Ethan's class, "take out your story books and lets continue to read from were we left off" the teacher said. Ethan had new desk mate, and his name was Paresh, and he was Asian, "We will start with your row Ethan and then next week we will move to then next row". At this point Ethan noticed that paresh had his hands between his thighs rubbing them together like he was really feeling cold as he read on, Ethan was done reading and there was a long moment of silence, "Paresh it your turn please read your part and stop wasting time" by now he was sweating and as he tried to read the whole class broke out in laughter and others started imitating his accent, "I want to go home" Paresh shouted as he rushed outside the door, "I want everyone to kneel down, now "the teacher commanded and after that she went after Paresh. After a moment they came back and Paresh was able to read and finish while everyone was on their knees till end of the lesson. This left paresh with a smile on his face.

WHAT ABOUT YOU:

- Have you been trying to read and you just can't get it right?
- How did you feel when people laughed at you?

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But Nehemiah and the people paid no _____ to Sanballat and Tobiah. They instead _____ to God, and _____ working on the wall.

Nehemiah did not give up; he kept working hard until he completed building the wall.

We all go through hard times and sometimes people might laugh but don't give up.

Nehemiah was a good leader, even when people laughed at him, he did not give up, he prayed to God to help him work hard.

Paresh too did not give up on learning how to read better, even when people laughed at him.

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JULY LESSONS WEEK 3: 8-9 YEAR OLDS

STORY: Conrad always last. Breakdown how he will succeed

It was the day of results and there was a buzz in school as usual, everyone was waiting eagerly for the teacher to come and announce how they had done this term. Suddenly the door flew open and it was the Head teacher, Everyone became silent. Ryan whispered to his friend Conrad "it must be bad news" and Conrad replied "it doesn't matter to me am always Last " "Good Morning class?" the Head teacher said and class answered "Good morning "the Head teacher begun by congratulating the class for an improved performance and she announced " I am here to award the most improved person in the whole school" and there was murmuring and speculations. " I would like to award Conrad today who is always leading from behind, he has Jumped 10 spots and he has really improved. So in this honour the school has awarded you a voucher worth all the next years books you need for your next class the class went in an uproar and celebrated Conrad.

WHAT ABOUT YOU:

- Have you been trying your best to study and always failing?
- How did you feel every time when people laugh at you?

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Conrad too had had given up but with the encouragement from the head teacher, he was happy to try again and maybe next time he might even do better.

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Memory Verse

Prayer

JULY LESSONS WEEK 3: 10-13 YEAR OLDS

STORY: **Singing off keys**

Steph had just watched the movie frozen and she was so excited about that she kept on singing the theme song “Let it go” and she couldn’t wait for the music lesson to present her Song. Finally the hour had come and the music teacher called her name “Stephanie you next” she jumped up with excitement and went towards the front. She could not believe it. As she started to sing everyone started laughing, you see Steph had not realized that she was off key, she just kept on singing to the point that the teacher to stop her “ you are tone deaf” see me after class so that we can practice you singing in the right key. Steph felt so embarrassed at her performance as she went to seat down

WHAT ABOUT YOU:

- Singing up stage can be very scary and singing off key can be very embarrassing, who has ever had an embarrassing singing moment?
- Tell us, how did it feel when people laughed at you?

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Steph, too did not give up on singing, even when people laughed at her.

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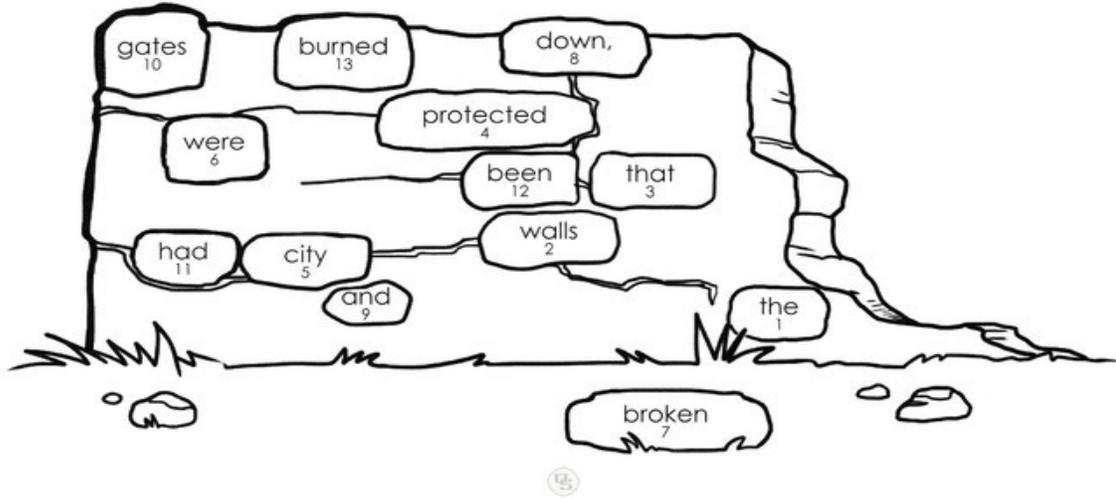
“So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half it’s height, for the people had a mind to work.”

Nehemiah 4:6



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NAME.....8/9 YEARS



One day, Nehemiah's brother came back from a trip to Jerusalem.
He said the people who lived there were in trouble.
Nehemiah was very upset.
He prayed that God would show him what to do.
Why were the people in Jerusalem in trouble?

Find the brick that matches the number on the line.
Then write the words to read the answer.

1 2 3 4 1 5 6 7 8

9 1 10 11 12 13

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NAME.....10-13 YEARS

NEHEMIAH CHAPTER FOUR

Word Search

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