

LEADERS TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

Mavuno Kids Teaching Guide

Bible Passage: Nehemiah Chapter 1

Theme: Leaders Take Responsibility

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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 1:

3 Year Olds- LESSON

"Ethan! Ethan! Please come outside. "Auntie Beatrice called. Five minutes later and Ethan had not shown up yet. "Ethan, I have been trying to call you outside so that we could take a walk, don't you want to?" Auntie Beatrice asked Ethan. Ethan did not answer but looked at aunty with tears in his eyes. "Oh that smell... have you peed on yourself?" " Auntie asked as she took him to the bathroom for a wash.

As she cleaned him up she pointed at the potty, "Ethan, this is called a potty, when you feel pressed, you need to come and sit on it. Ok? That way you become a responsible boy. "Auntie explains. "Ok "Ethan agrees.

What about you? Have you ever peed on yourself and mummy or auntie came to help you when you could take yourself to the toilet?

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QUESTIONS

- Isn't that a nice story?
- How many of you would like to be responsible like Nehemiah?
- What kind of news did the visitors bring when they came to see Nehemiah? Ans. Bad News
- Nehemiah was responsible because he decided to do something about his home town. He decided to build the wall. You too can be responsible.
- How will you be responsible this week?

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4 Year Olds LESSON

Ryan was standing outside school waiting for Auntie Beatrice to pick him up from school. “Ryan, come let’s play before your auntie comes to pick you. “ Tom called.

“No, I don’t feel like playing today. “Ryan said as he shook his head.

“Are you ok? How come you don’t want to play today? Are you sick? “Tom questioned Ryan.

“You are wet...did you sit on water? Oh no it smells. You have wet your pants.” Tom made fun of Ryan.

As Ryan starts crying Auntie Beatrice shows up. “Ryan, what’s wrong?” Auntie asked Ryan did not answer but pointed to his pants. “Ryan, do not worry. Next time you feel pressed, ask the teacher to take you to the toilet. You can also run to the toilet before school or just before I come pick you .This way you will be a good, responsible boy. Ok? “Auntie Beatrice explained as they walked home together.

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5 Year Old LESSON

Everyone had finished having dinner except Tamara; she did not want to eat. She pretended to fall asleep while eating.

“You are almost done, only three more spoons and you are done. “Mum encouraged her. “But mummy, I am full. “Tamara responded. “No...No...No you have to finish that food and then take the plate to the kitchen” Mum instructed.

“Mum I am done “Tamara said as she lied on the couch. “ Tamara!! What did I say about the plate?” Mum shouted from the kitchen. “Mum, Auntie will take them “Tamara responded. “ No! No! No! Auntie will not come to pick your plate; you have to be responsible enough to take this plate to the kitchen. Good leaders are responsible. “Mum explained. “ Next time I hear you say Auntie will do a task you are supposed to do, you will be grounded. “

“Ok Mum, I am sorry “Tamara apologized as she took her plate to the kitchen.

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- Why was Nehemiah sad? Ans. Because the people in his home country were in trouble
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6 - 7 Year Olds LESSON

I cannot miss Big Time Rush Show today. I will trick my auntie and tell her that I do not have an assignment and then I will wake up very early and do it.” Tom told his friends on the school bus.

“Hi auntie, we don’t have homework today, can I watch my show? “ Tom asked Auntie Rose. “As long as you do not have any school work, then you can watch.” Auntie Rose replied.

Tom spent time watching TV and by the time his show was over, he was so tired. He ate, showered and went to bed before mum and dad got home. “Did Tom do his school work before he slept? “Mum asked Auntie. “He said that he didn’t have any. “Auntie replied.

The next day Tom woke up early with the hope of getting to school early to finish his homework, but the bus came late. He tried doing it on the bus but could not concentrate. The bus got to school just in time for their first lesson of which he had been given an assignment.

Tom started panicking, looking up and down as the teacher got to his seat. “Tom can I please have a look at your homework? “ The teacher asked. “I...I ...have not done my homework. “Tom replied and could not face the teacher. “Ha...ha...ha! “ The rest of the class giggled because they had heard of him boasting how he would trick his aunt and watch TV.

“Ok Tom, you will be punished for not doing your assignment, but this goes out to the rest of the class. I am punishing Tom because he was not responsible to finish his homework first before watching TV. We are supposed to be responsible kids by finishing whatever work we are given to do. Is that clear? “The teacher asked. “Yes teacher. “The class replied.

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- Have you ever not done your homework because you want to watch a TV show?
- What happened when you didn't do your homework?

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8 - 9 Year Olds LESSON

*This weekend is my birthday and I have a party. Would you like to come? “Christine asked Steph
“Yes, I will ask my mum and get back to you; but yes I would love to ... yaaaaaaayyyyy! “ Steph was excited.*

“Mum! Mum! Tomorrow is Christine’s birthday and I would love to go to her place for a sleep over. I can also carry my homework so that we can help each other. “Steph asked for permission. “ Ok, I will drop you and make sure you behave well at their house. “Mum replied.

“Yaaay! Steph! Welcome. Thank you for coming. Come... let me show you my new bedroom, cloths and other stuff. We have a lot of games to play until Sunday. “ Christine told Steph. As some more girls showed up for sleep over that weekend, they had more fun and forgot all about their homework. Sunday came and everyone went to their homes, so tired that they all slept.

*“Please submit all your homework for marking. “ Teacher Anthony, math teacher, requested.
“Where is your homework Steph and Christine? “The teacher asked. “We forgot to do it. We are sorry “Steph said. “Ok .remember to do your homework next time, but for now, you will have to face the consequences of not doing it. You will have to go clean the compound. Rake all the leaves around the compound.” Teacher Anthony punished them.*

“Christine!! We made a huge mistake by not doing our homework before the party. We should have been responsible enough. We have surely learnt our lesson. Let us finish this work and get back to class. “Steph told Christine

What About You

- How many of you have been punished for failing to do their homework?
- What was the punishment and why do you think you were punished?

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10 - 11 Year Olds LESSON

Mum, I have forgotten my English book at home. Please let us go back home and pick it. My teacher will be angry at me.” Ryan told the mum. “No, if we turn, we will be late. I have always told you to make sure that all your books are in the bag the night before school so that you are not late or in a rush in the morning.” Mum replied.

“But mum, I did. I only forgot one book. Please! Please! Mum.” Ryan pleaded “No! You need to learn your lesson and be careful next time.

At school, Ryan was sweating and looking down as the English teacher approached his desk. “Ryan, where is your English text book? “The teacher asked. “I left it at home, but it is my mum’s fault. She made me leave it!” Ryan replied.

Ryan thought he was smart. The teacher stepped out of class and called Ryan’s mum. Little did Ryan know that his mum knew that he had been watching movies the previous night instead of packing his books.” Ryan, I have called your mum and she tells me that you were watching movies yesterday instead of preparing for school. I want you out of my class until you get that book.” The teacher replied.

Ryan stayed out of class for the whole lesson as the other kids laughed at him. He promised himself to be more responsible next time so that he would not face punishment again. He also learnt that he is responsible for his mistakes and should not blame others.

What About You

- What are some of the mistakes you have made?
- What about you, have you ever blamed your mistakes on someone else?

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Sometimes we make mistakes and those mistakes land us in trouble. We are scared because we will get into trouble because we didn't do what we were meant to do. Ryan made a mistake and lied and blamed his mum instead of taking responsibility for his mistake. Leaders don't blame others for their mistakes. Leaders take responsibility.

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12 - 13 Year Olds LESSON

Melanie did not want to attend history class. She had been whining about how the teacher was bad and didn't like her. She did not want to be the only one not attending that class, so one morning just before the history class she asked Steph, who didn't like the teacher as well, to accompany her to the washrooms.

"I don't like that teacher; he does not know how to teach. He is so boring. Don't you think so Steph?" Melanie asked. "Yeah I don't like that lesson, thank God we came here! Let us pass as much time here as we can so that we have less time in that class." Steph said.

"What are you guys doing here? Aren't you supposed to be in class for a lesson? Please follow me!" instructed the school head girl. "We ...were we.....having a..." Melanie and Steph stammered trying to explain themselves. "No. I heard all your conversations, you will explain to the principle instead." The head girl replied.

"Sir, I caught this two girls in the washroom, missing a class while gossiping their teacher." The head girl reported. "Thank you for reporting this. As for the two of you, I want to send you home and come back with your parents. You should be responsible enough for your mistakes!" The principle said.

What About You Have you ever been caught doing something wrong at school and had to be sent home?

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Sometimes as leaders we have to do things that we don't like to do. Like Steph and Melanie maybe you don't want to go to class or babysit your younger brothers and sisters and you feel there are better things to do with your time. Nehemiah could have stayed behind and not gone to build the wall but he decided to be responsible and go and build his city wall. Leaders are responsible even when they don't feel like it.

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Nehemiah was the cupbearer to King Artaxerxes, who gave Nehemiah permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city's walls. - **Nehemiah 2**

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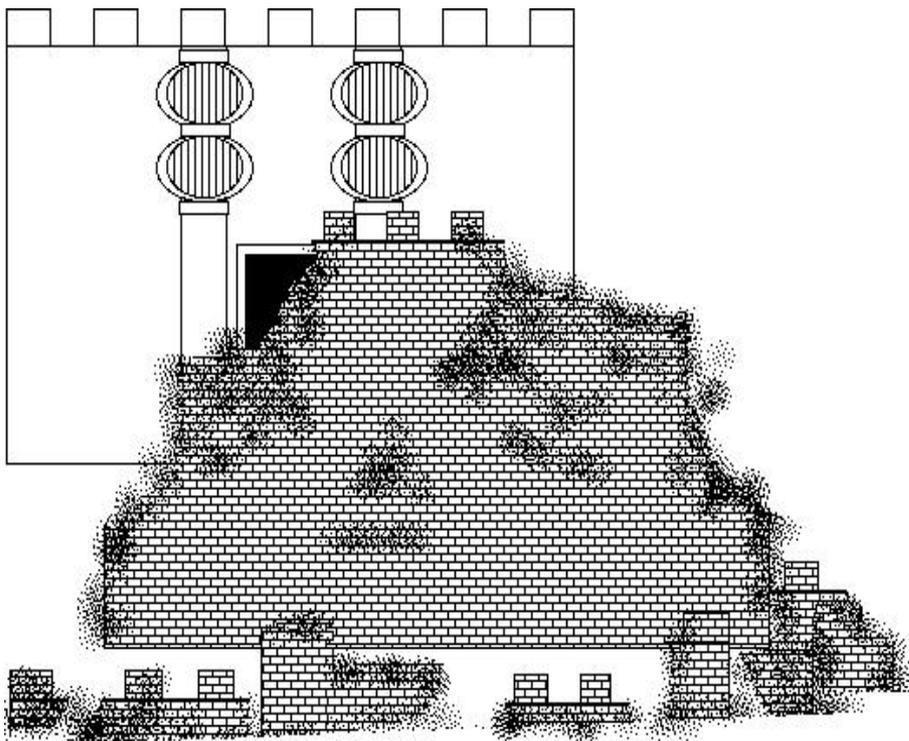
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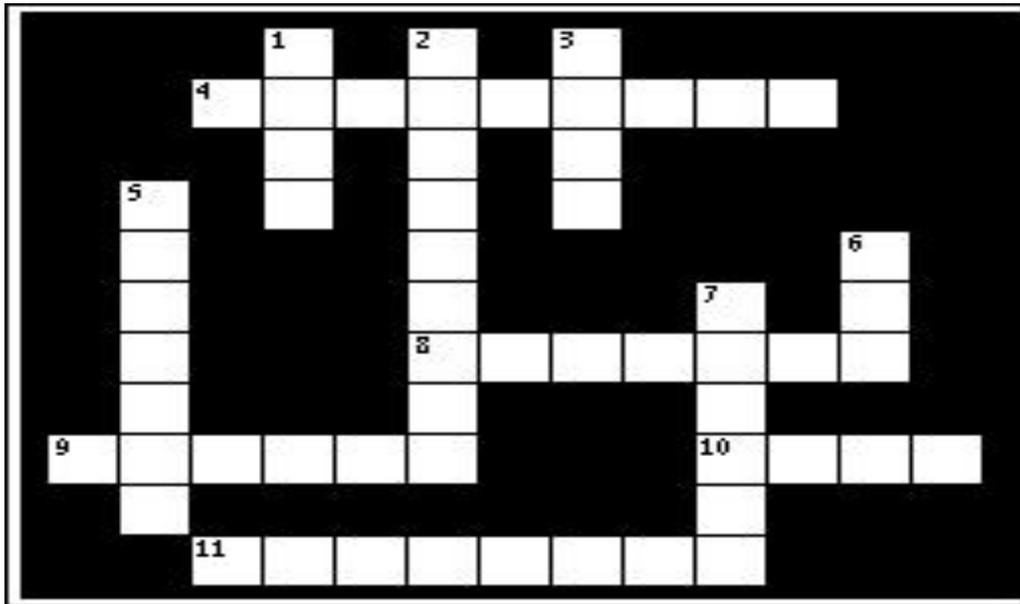
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- 9 ACROSS "O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the _____ of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name." **NEHEMIAH 1:11**
- 11 ACROSS Nehemiah asked about "the Jews who had escaped, who had _____ the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem." **NEHEMIAH 1:2**
- 3 DOWN And they said to him, "The _____ of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are burned with fire." **NEHEMIAH 1:3**
- 1 DOWN Nehemiah said, "So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and _____, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven." **NEHEMIAH 1:4**
- 2 DOWN Nehemiah was the king's _____. **NEHEMIAH 1:11**
- 6 DOWN "The king said to me, 'Why is your face _____, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart.'" **NEHEMIAH 2:2**
- 8 ACROSS "I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I might _____ it.'" **NEHEMIAH 2:5**
- 5 DOWN "Furthermore I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, let _____ be given to me for the governors of the region beyond the River.'" **NEHEMIAH 2:7**
- 4 ACROSS Nehemiah writes, "So I came to _____ and was there three days." **NEHEMIAH 2:11**
- 7 DOWN He writes, "I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and _____ the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire." **NEHEMIAH 2:14**
- 10 ACROSS "So they said, 'Let us rise up and build.' Then they set their hands to do this good _____." **NEHEMIAH 2:18**

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