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REVISION KIDS AT HOME

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Just Want to Celebrate (The Wall Is Rebuilt)

Nehemiah 3-4, 6:15-16, 8:1-17

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Stay focused on what needs to be done.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord. Colossians 3:23a, NIrV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Initiative—Seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

STEP 1 // VIDEO:

Watch the Revision Kids video via the link that is provided.

STEP 2 // ACTIVITY:

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do: Instruct kids to stand in the middle of your space._Tell them to think about what they like to do at parties._Let them know you will give them a set of choices, party-style. If a kid prefers option one, they run to the wall to the right. If a kid prefers option two, they run to the wall to the left.

Two Corners Party-Style options:

- Round 1: ZOOM[™] party or drive-through party
- Round 2: Cookie cake or ice cream cake
- Round 3: Summer party or winter party
- Round 4: Party with friends or party with family
- Round 5: Fancy clothes party or pajama party
- Round 6: Confetti or sprinkles
- Round 7: Party at your house or party somewhere else
- Round 8: One big gift or lots of small gifts
- Round 9: Sharing the same birthday with your best friend or having the day all to yourself
- Round 10: Chocolate cake or vanilla cake

What You Say: "Whether you prefer a huge, fancy party or a small get together with friends, parties are always fun because you are celebrating something special! We celebrate because we are excited and thankful!."

STEP 3 // LESSON:

What You Need: Tent/Fort supplies, feast supplies, party decorations

What You Do: Build a fort and decorate for a party. Instruct kids to take part in their feast while they answer the review questions you will read.

Review questions:

- 1. When the wall was finished, Nehemiah told the people they would celebrate and honor God. How did they choose to honor God? (They listened to Ezra read God's Word.)
- 2. Why were the people sad after they listened to Ezra read God's Word? (They realized they had not been following God and His ways.)
- 3. Why did Ezra and Nehemiah tell them not to be sad? (That day happened to be a holy day to celebrate God and what He had done!)
- 4. The people learned it was time to celebrate one of God's feasts, Sukkot. What is Sukkot? (Sukkot is the Feast of Booths. It's a way to remember how God took care of His people in the wilderness after He led them out of Egypt. To celebrate, the people built tents or booths and lived in them during the festival.)
- 5. What did the people make their tents or booths out of? (branches from trees)
- 6. How long did they sleep outside and live in their tents? (for a whole week)
- 7. What did Ezra do every day while the people were in their tents? (He read God's Word, and the people began to understand all that God had planned for them.)
- 8. How can we celebrate what God has done for us every day? (Thank Him for anything and everything we can think of, pay attention to what God is doing, tell others about Him, etc.)

What You Say:

"No matter what your celebration looks like, you can always [Bottom Line] look for ways to celebrate what God has done. The Jewish people hadn't celebrated like this in hundreds of years, but it was so important to look back on the work God had done and praise and thank Him. If you threw a party to celebrate what God has done, what would it look like? The cool thing is, there is always a reason to celebrate what God has done, because He is always at work doing amazing things! Whether He helped you focus on a math test, helped you find the words to encourage the new kid at school, or provided for your family during a hard time—God is always at work. And you know what that means! That means there is always a reason to have a party."

STEP 4 // PRAY:

"Dear God, today we don't want to ask You for anything. We just want to celebrate who You are and what You have done! Not only did You send Jesus so we can have a relationship with You, but You continue to work in our lives each and every day. There are not enough words, songs, balloons, or streamers to celebrate all You have done! Because we know You are always at work, this week we will continue to [Bottom Line] look for ways to celebrate what God has done. We love You! And we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!"