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we can be thankful  
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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (for after the video):

Today's true story from the Bible begins with a very big wall that went all the way around the city of Jerusalem. It was built to keep people safe. What was wrong with the wall that people didn't feel safe anymore?

There were so many holes in the wall that it did not keep people safe.

The wall needed to be fixed. A man heard about the wall with holes in it, and it made him feel very sad. What was the man's name?

The man's name was Nehemiah.

Nehemiah wanted to do something about the broken wall, so he prayed to God and decided to fix it. But the wall was really, really big! Was Nehemiah able to fix the wall by himself?

No, Nehemiah needed help fixing the wall.

What happened when Nehemiah asked for help fixing the wall?

Lots of people came to help fix the wall.

All the people who came to help worked on different parts of the wall until one day, the wall was finished! God gave Nehemiah people to help him.

God gives us people to help us too! What are some ways people help you?

Some examples could include putting together a difficult puzzle or working together to clean up.

When we look around and see people helping, we can say God is good. Who is good?

God is good!

Yes, He is good! Let's pray and talk to God together:

Dear God, thank You for giving us people to help us. You are so good! Thanks for loving us. And we want to say, we love YOU, too! AMEN.

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### PLACEMAT:

This printable placemat is designed to sit on the table all month long. The placemat includes this month's bottom line as well as questions to ask each week and hand motions to the Bible verse.

**November:** <https://bit.ly/placemat-nov2022>

**Theme**  
**Donut Time**

**SAY THIS**  
Who is good?  
God is good.

Who is good?

When can you thank God?

Who can you thank?

Use washable crayons or markers to draw your favorite part of this week's Bible Story:

**WEEK 1**  
**All of creation is filled with good gifts from God.**  
James 1:17; Genesis 1  
Where can you look to see good gifts that God made? (Everywhere)  
Why does God give us good gifts? (Because God is good)

**WEEK 2**  
**God does not let the flour and oil run out for Elijah, the widow, and her son.**  
1 Kings 17:7-16  
Who shared their food with Elijah when he was hungry? (The widow and her son)  
Who can I thank for food? (God)

**WEEK 3**  
**Moses' brother Aaron and friend Hur help Moses hold up God's staff.**  
Exodus 17:8-13  
Who helped Moses hold up God's staff? (His brother Aaron and friend Hur)  
Who can I thank for friends and family? (God)

**WEEK 4**  
**Nehemiah plans to repair the broken wall of Jerusalem, and many people help him.**  
Nehemiah 1-3  
Who did God send Nehemiah to help him repair the broken wall? (Helpers)  
Who can I thank for the people who help me? (God)

**Memory Verse**  
"Give thanks  
to the Lord,  
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Psalm 107:1

Clap on each word

Point up

Two thumbs up

Open hands like a book

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### **PRAYER HANDS**

*Nehemiah wanted to do something about the broken wall, so he prayed to God and decided to fix it. But the wall was really, really big! Nehemiah needed help fixing the wall. He asked for help and lots of people came to help fix the wall. God gave Nehemiah people to help him. God gives us people to help us too, because He is good. Who is good?*  
*God is good!*

#### **What You Need:**

- "Prayer Hands" activity page
- Marker to trace hands
- Stickers
- Crayons/markers

#### **What You Do:**

Trace your child's hand and have them decorate their page. Talk about how we can thank God for everything.

#### **What You Say:**

Nehemiah was thankful that God had given him people to help him. God is good. God gives us people to help, too! When we look around and see people helping, we can say, "God is good."  
Who is good?  
*God is good.*



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### **TISSUE WALKING**

*Nehemiah wanted to do something about the broken wall around Jerusalem, so he prayed to God and decided to fix it. But Nehemiah wasn't able to fix it by himself. When he asked for help fixing the wall lots of people came to help him fix it.*

*God gives us people to help us because He is good. Who is good?*

*God is good!*

#### **What You Need:**

- Box of tissues

#### **What You Do:**

This activity is best done with more than two children.

Gather the children on one side of your activity area. Give each child a tissue and instruct them to place the tissues on their heads. Call on one child at a time to try to walk across the activity area with the tissue on their heads. If it falls, they must freeze and wait for a friend (*someone watching on the sideline*) to tap them on the shoulder, pick up the tissue and place it back on their head to unfreeze them. Once tapped, they may resume walking. Repeat until everyone has a turn to walk with a tissue.

Talk about how we can thank God for the people who help us.

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### HELPFUL CHUTE

*When we look around and see people helping, we can say "God is good." Who is good?*  
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#### **What You Need:**

- Parachute or sheet

#### **What You Do:**

You will need more than four or more children for this activity.

Place the parachute/sheet in a pile on the floor. Ask the children to help you pick up the parachute/sheet and lay it flat on the floor. Ask them to stand around the parachute/sheet and help you by picking up a section of the parachute. Invite them to move their arms up and down to help you make the parachute/sheet flutter. Repeat several times.





Have fun learning and playing  
with your preschooler!

## Activity

### Tissue Walking

#### What You Need:

Box of tissues (or a few sheets of toilet paper)

#### What You Do:

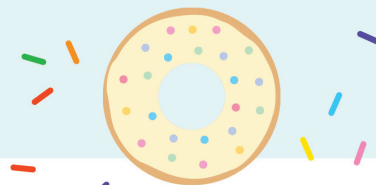
Invite your preschooler to play a game with you. Say, "I'm going to give you a tissue. I want you to place the tissue on your head and walk across the room like this with the tissue balanced on your head. (*Demonstrate.*) If it falls, you must freeze! I will be your helper and place the tissue back on your head. Then I will count to three and you can unfreeze and walk again."

Give your child a tissue to place on their head. Say, "Are you ready? Let's go! Start walking and we'll watch to see if it falls."

As your preschooler walks, watch for the tissue to fall. When it does, say, "Freeze!" Pick up their tissue and place it back on their heads. Say, "I am your helper. I will place the tissue back on your head." Then count to three and encourage them to walk around again.

Play as long as time and interest allow.

Say, "That was some great balancing you did. But did you know what my favorite part was? Being your helper. God gave us so many good things, including people who help us! Who is good? God is good!"



**Bible Story**  
Nehemiah Repairs a Wall  
(Nehemiah 1–3)

**Remember This**  
"Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good."  
Psalm 107:1, NIV

**Say This**  
Who is good?  
God is good.

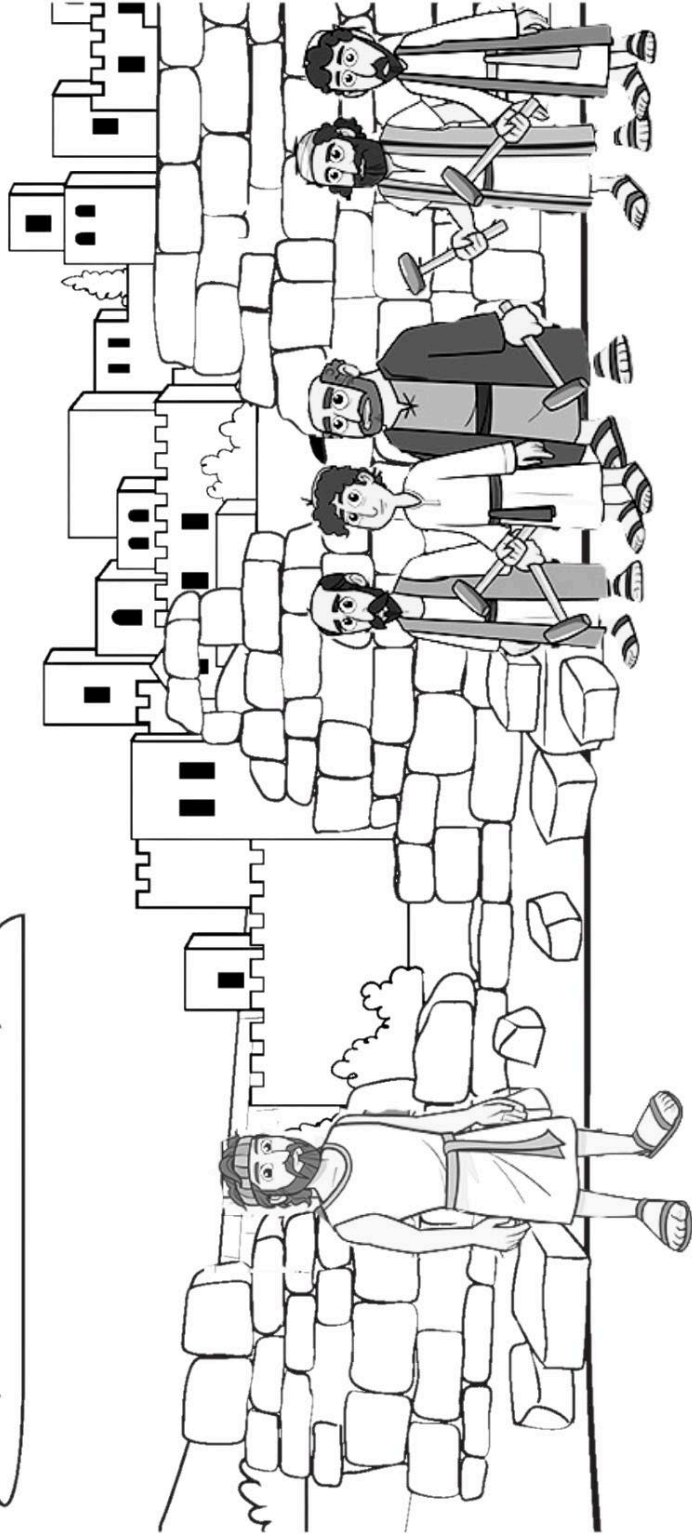
## Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for giving us people to help us. You are so good! Thanks for loving us. And we want to say, 'We love YOU,' too! Amen."



November Week 4: Nehemiah Repairs a Wall

Nehemiah plans to repair the broken wall of Jerusalem, and many people help him. Nehemiah 1-6





# Donut Time

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**“Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good.”**

**PSALM 107:1, NIV**

**BOTTOM LINE:**

**God is good.**