

**FAMILY GOD TIMES** are times when as a family we have chance to **focus on God together**. This could be driving to school, eating breakfast, before bed, there is no right time! It's at a time that works best for you.

We may not always believe it but as parents we are best positioned to help raise the faith of our children. We know them best.

It's important to share our faith and where we are at with our kids. Seize little pockets of time to ask a question from Sunday or to encourage the kids to chat about something they covered. Encourage each other to chat to God about big things and small things.



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### **JESUS IS THE BEST KING (Wise Men – Matthew 2)**

This Sunday we began learning about Nehemiah. We learnt that if we want God's help it's good to pray first.

**Question** – How did the wise men show Jesus He was important to them? (They travelled far/ gave gifts)

**Activity** – How can we show Jesus he is important to us? (Discuss and make a list in words or pictures)

**Prayer/Chat** – Chat to God about how you feel about Him – be honest. Ask God to help you get to know Him more and know Him in your head and heart so that you can live the life He has for you.



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### **THE LORD WILL HELP US**

#### **Nehemiah 1-2 – Nehemiah chats to God**

This Sunday we began learning about Nehemiah. We learnt that if we want God's help it's good to pray first.

**Think** – Why was Nehemiah sad about the wall?

**Question** – Is there anything we want to change and need God's help with?

**Prayer/Chat** – Together ask God to help that situation change. Why not try and chat to God about it everyday and let your leaders know on Sunday how things are going?



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### **THE LORD IS GREAT**

#### **Nehemiah 3 and 4 – Nehemiah has help**

**Think** – What was good about how the people worked on the wall? (They worked together as a team.)

**Question** – When things get hard, what do you do? What did Nehemiah do?

**Prayer/Chat** – When things are sad or tricky or scary, who can we trust? Chat to God asking Him to help you trust Him when things are hard, just like Nehemiah.



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## GOD CARES ABOUT EVERYONE

### Nehemiah 5 – Nehemiah reminds them how to treat each other

**Think** – How did Nehemiah show he cared about those who were being treated unfairly? (He asked the people to change to make it fairer for all)

**Question** – What can we do this week to help those being treated unfairly? Will we do something kind at school? Support a charity?

**Prayer/Chat** – Chat to God about using you. Ask Him to help you at school or at home to show love and kindness to those around you.

**Activity** – Maybe you could make something for someone, or invite them to your house. Talk together about things that you could do as a family.



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## GOD WILL HELP ME DO THE RIGHT THING

### Nehemiah 6 – Nehemiah makes good decisions because God helps him

**Think** – The wall was finished so quickly. Why do you think that was? (Was it because God was with them?)

**Question** – What do you need God's help with?

**Prayer/Chat** – Ask God to help you this week. Try and ask Him every day. Maybe on the way to school or over breakfast just chat about what's going on for you.



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## GOD GIVES ME JOY

### Nehemiah 8-12 – Nehemiah celebrates because the wall is finished

**Think** – Do you think that God likes singing, parties and celebrations? How does this bit in Nehemiah 8-12 help us answer this?

**Question** – What can we do to stay close to God? (Go to church, read the Bible, worship, pray.)

**Prayer/Chat** – Ask God to give you His joy that when things get sad or hard that you will know the joy of knowing God and He will be your help and strength. Can you think of anyone else you could ask God to help with God's joy?



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## GOD'S PLANS ARE GOOD PLANS

### Nehemiah 13 – Nehemiah did what he could to make sure the people continued to follow God

**Think** – What did Nehemiah do really well? (He did all he could to help people continue to follow God)

**Question** – Let's chat to God and ask Him to help us share Jesus with our friends.

**Prayer/Chat** – Why not write the name down of one family member that you would like to pray for each day.



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