



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

God can help us to overcome any obstacle.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will learn that when we face obstacles, God's Spirit gives us the strength to keep going.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Nehemiah 4, Nehemiah Faces Opposition

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"If the Lord doesn't build a house, the work of the builders is useless." Psalm 127:1a (NirV)*

**SUMMARY:**

You have the plans and the equipment, and you've done all the prep work. But at some point, you have to put hammer to nail and start building. Nehemiah and his workers faced tough opposition when they tried to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. But Nehemiah never lost heart, and the work continued to completion.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Give us your strength when we need it most.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



## MEMORY VERSE

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1a (NIV)*

*"If the Lord doesn't build a house, the work of the builders is useless." Psalm 127:1a (NirV)*

### **LARGE GROUP:**

Choose three kids from the audience. Have each one "sing" the memory verse in a different musical style - country, hip-hop, oldies, opera, etc.

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Give each kid one word of the memory verse. They have to remember their word and then they all have to stand up and line up in order, so that when they say their word from left to right they will have said the memory verse.



## CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids trace, cut out, and color a hammer from a piece of paper or construction paper. On the handle of the hammer, have the kids write, "God will give me strength!"



# MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

## Under Construction Lesson 6

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: HAMMER & NAILS



#### IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Is there an unfinished project at home? Ask your kids to help, and see if you can knock that challenge out this week. Pray if you need to for the strength to finish the job!



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What obstacles did Nehemiah face in rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem?
- How did Nehemiah and the Israelites overcome these obstacles?
- Where can we find strength when we need it to overcome our challenges in life?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

*"If the Lord doesn't build a house, the work of the builders is useless." Psalm 127:1a (NirV)*



#### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Following God and completing the challenges He gives us requires perseverance. God doesn't want us to get discouraged and give up. If we pray for strength, God will give it to us, and He will help us finish the task at hand!