



Generosity

Giving our time

Lighting the candle Prayer

Leader: Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life

All: No-one comes to the Father, except through Him.



Opening Collective Worship Prayer

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the beginning of this new day.
Watch over us at school and bless all those we love.
Amen



We light the candle to remind us of:
God the Father, the **generous** giver,
God the Son, who gave his life for this world
and
God the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to give
cheerfully.

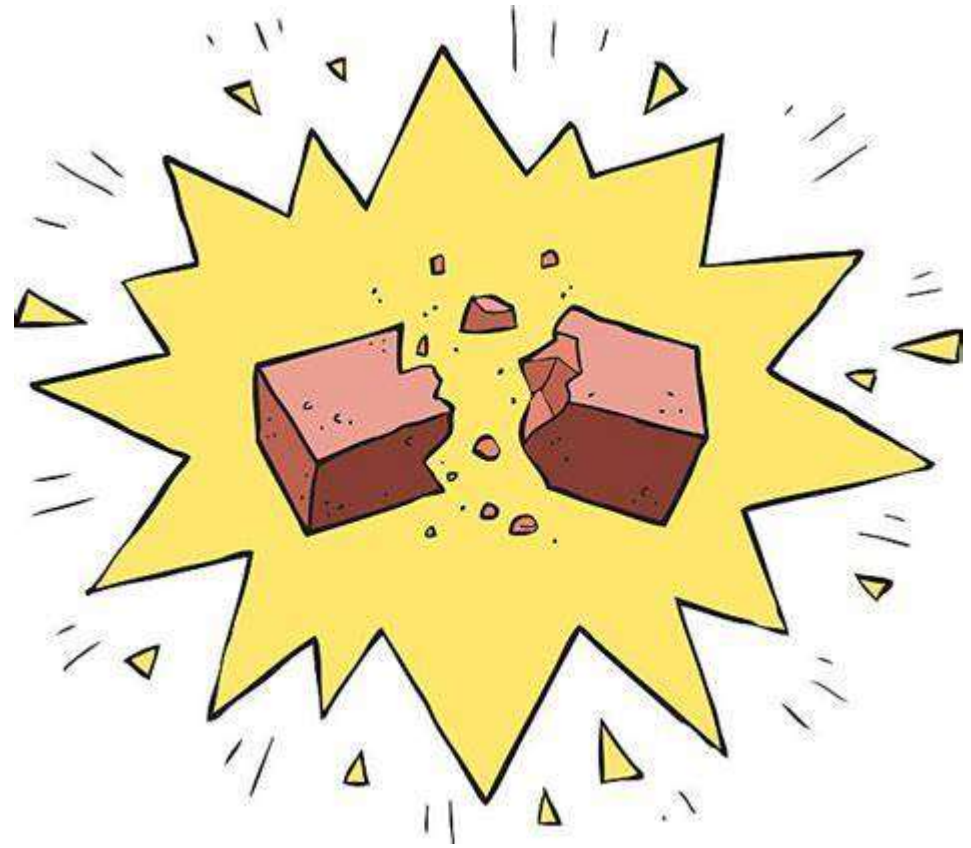


Today, we're going to listen to a Bible story found in the Old Testament, in the book of Nehemiah. The story is about people who generously gave their time and energy to build something special...

Many hundreds of years ago, God's people had been captured and made to live in another land. Eventually, they had been told they could go home to their own city, Jerusalem. But when the families returned, they were shocked by what they found...



The wall that went all the way around the outside of the city to protect it had been smashed and bashed by their enemies until there was not a single stone left on top of another.

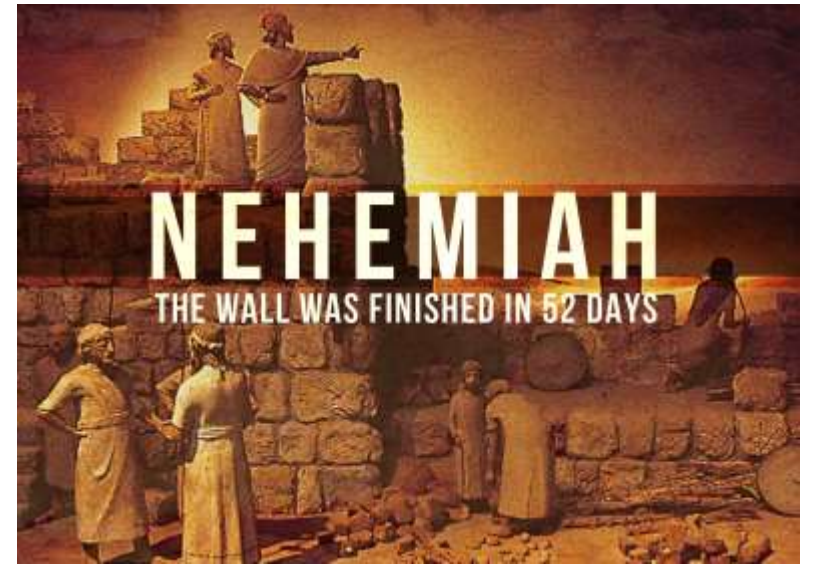


“What are we going to do?” cried one family. “It will take forever to repair this wall!”

“Even if we work all day and night for years we couldn’t rebuild this wall” agreed the others.

But one man, Nehemiah, had a great idea. “Let each family build a bit of the wall,” he said. “If everyone is generous with their time and strength, the wall will be finished soon, you’ll see!”

And so they did. Each family worked as hard as they could on their piece of the wall. Soon, with everyone pulling together, the wall was rebuilt and stronger than ever!



What message does that story give us?

Can you think of a job that seems too big to even try?

There is an old proverb which says,

“Many hands make light work.”

I wonder which of our jobs could be done if there were many hands to do them?



Let us pray...

Generous God

*Make our hearts like yours,
Always ready to give.*

*Help us to see the opportunities to give our
time, so we can achieve amazing things
together.*

Amen

