


Blessed are the Peacemakers...


Lesson Plan

Key Verses: *Matt 5:9, Nehemiah*

Objectives:

 2's&3's -


- To learn how Nehemiah wanted to help others.
- To learn how Nehemiah used God's guidance to be a peacemaker.

 4's&5's -


- To learn how Nehemiah wanted to help others.
- To learn how Nehemiah used God's guidance to be a peacemaker.

 K & 1st -

- To learn the meaning of a Peacemaker.
- To learn how Nehemiah wanted to help others.
- To learn how Nehemiah used God's guidance to be a peacemaker.


 2nd & 3rd -

- To learn the meaning of a Peacemaker.
- To learn how Nehemiah wanted to help others.
- To learn how Nehemiah used God's guidance to be a peacemaker.


 4th & up -

- To learn the meaning of a Peacemaker.
- To learn how Nehemiah wanted to help others.
- To learn how Nehemiah used God's guidance to be a peacemaker.

Application:

 2's&3's -


- I can use God's word to be a peacemaker.

 4's&5's -


- I can use God's word to be a peacemaker.

 K & 1st -

- I can use God's word to be a peacemaker.


 2nd & 3rd -

- I can use God's word to be a peacemaker.


 4th & up -

- I can use God's word to be a peacemaker.

Activities:

 2's&3's - Rebuilding the wall (trace page) (page 5)


Be a Peacemaker (color page) (page 7)

 4's&5's - Rebuilding the wall (trace page) (page 5)

Rebuilding the wall (fill-in page) (page 6)

Be a Peacemaker (color page) (page 7)

Peacemaker/Peacebreaker (page 8)

 K & 1st - Rebuilding the wall (fill-in page) (page 6)

Building the Verse (page 9)

Peacemaker/Peacebreaker (page 8)

 2nd & 3rd - Building the Verse (page 9)

Peacemaker/Peacebreaker (page 8)

Match the Wall (page 10)

Peacemakers Wanted! (page 11)

 4th & up - Match the Wall (page 10)

Peacemakers Wanted! (page 11)

 All Ages - Beatitudes Review Activity (page 13-14)

Peacemaker (color page) (page 12)

The Beatitudes

The next Beatitude Jesus teaches us in Matthew 5:9 is *Blessed are the Peacemakers for they will be called the sons of God.* Let's look at how Nehemiah used God's wisdom and guidance to be a peacemaker for the Israelites.



Blessed are the Peacemakers.. (Matt 5:9, Nehemiah)

When King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem 152 years before, he knocked down the walls and burned the city's gates. The Israelites did not build the walls again when they first came home from Babylon. Walls around cities were protection for the people. How do you think the people have felt living here all those years without walls around their city? They have not felt safe. Their enemies could easily come in and attack them. But now this man Nehemiah was finally helping the people to build the walls again. Do you know who Nehemiah was?

Nehemiah was an Israelite who came from the city of Shushan. Nehemiah was the chief cupbearer for King Artaxerxes. This means that he served the king his wine, and made sure that no one tried to poison the king. It was a very important job.

Artaxerxes was the good king who gave Ezra all that money to take back to Jerusalem to fix up Jehovah's temple. But Ezra did not build the broken-down walls of the city. It had been 13 years since Artaxerxes gave Ezra the money to fix up the temple.



Well, one day Nehemiah's brother Hanani and other men from the land of Israel came to visit Nehemiah. They told him about the trouble

the Israelites were having, and how the walls of Jerusalem were still broken down. This made Nehemiah very sad, and he prayed to Jehovah about it.

One day the king noticed that Nehemiah was sad, and asked: 'Why are you looking so sad?' Nehemiah told him that it was because Jerusalem was in such bad condition and the walls were broken down. 'What is it that you want?' the king asked.



'Let me go to Jerusalem,' Nehemiah said, 'so that I may rebuild the walls.' King Artaxerxes was very kind. He said

that Nehemiah may go, and he helped him to get wood for doing some of the building. Soon after Nehemiah came to Jerusalem, he told the people about his plans. They liked the idea, and said: 'Let's start building.'

When the enemies of the Israelites saw the wall going up, they said: 'We will go up and kill them, and stop the building work.' But Nehemiah hear about this, and he gave the workers swords and spears. And he said: 'Don't be afraid of our enemies. Fight for your brothers, for your children, for your wives, and for your homes.'

The people were very brave. They kept their weapons ready day and night, and they kept building. So in just 52 days the walls were finished. Now the people felt safe inside the city. Nehemiah and Ezra taught the people God's law, and the people were happy.



Nehemiah used his faith and God's guidance to be a peace-maker for the Israelites among each other and with the surrounding people.

Blessed are the Peacemakers...

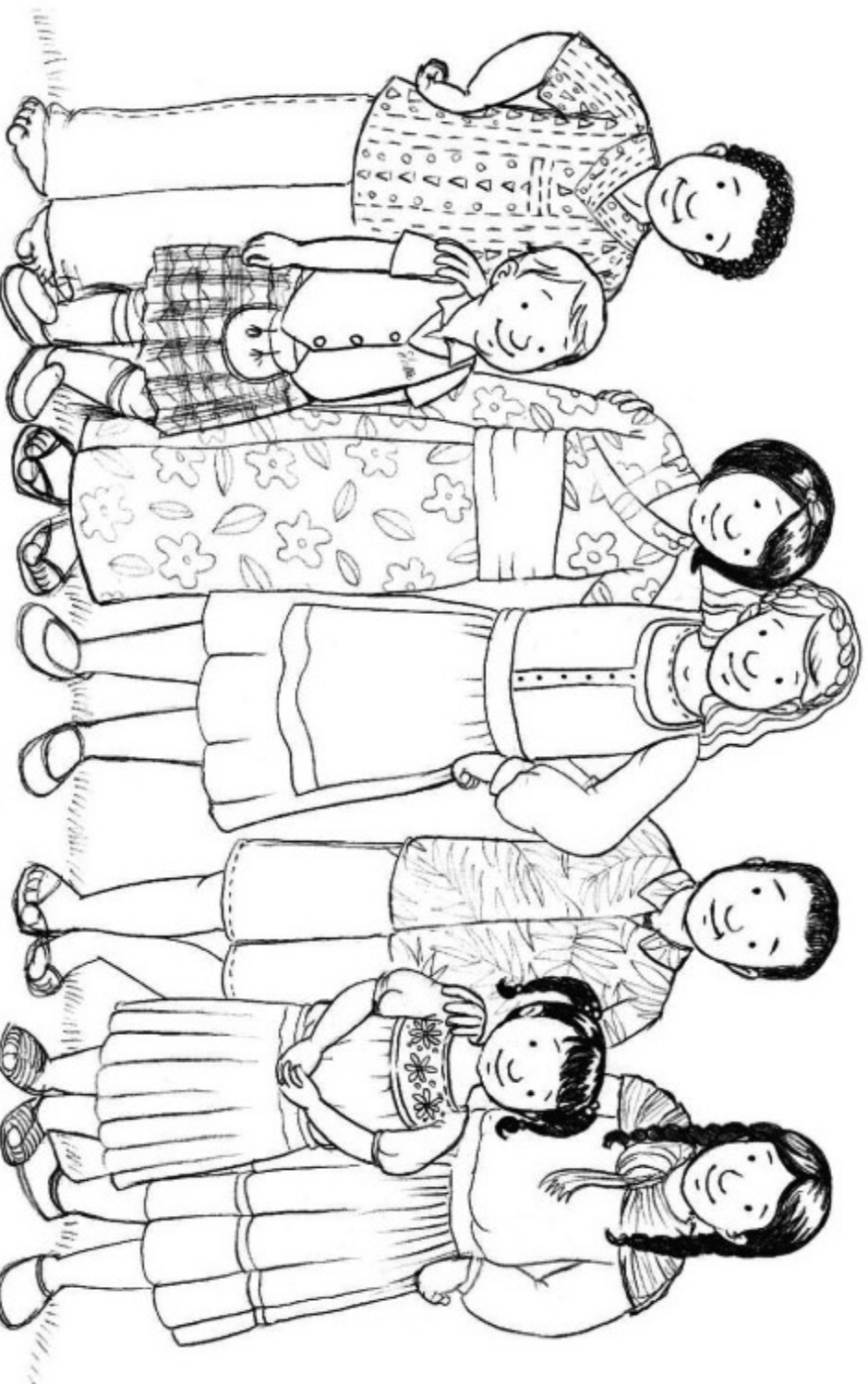
Nehemiah was a Peacemaker for the Israelites.

Help the Israelites build the wall



"Blessed are the Peacemakers
for they shall be called
the Children of God."

Matthew 5:9



Blessed are the Peacemakers...

Nehemiah was a peacemaker for the Israelites. I can be a peacemaker, too.



Peacemaker

Makes peace.
Finds solutions.

Peacebreaker

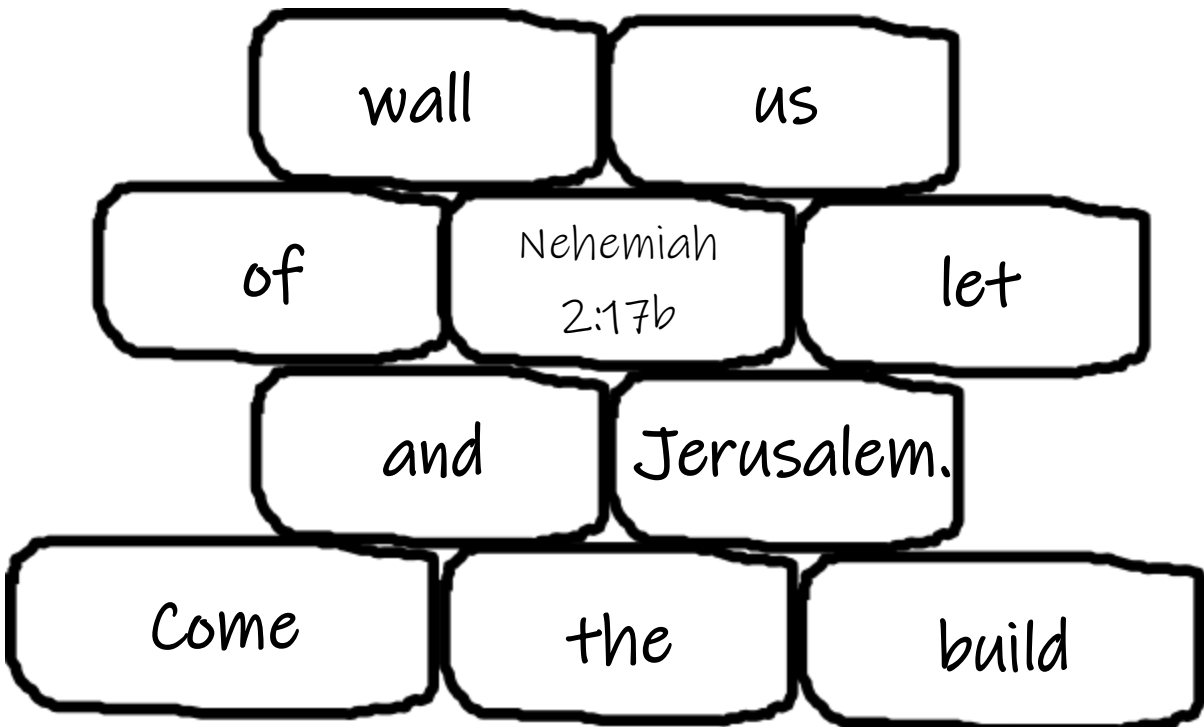
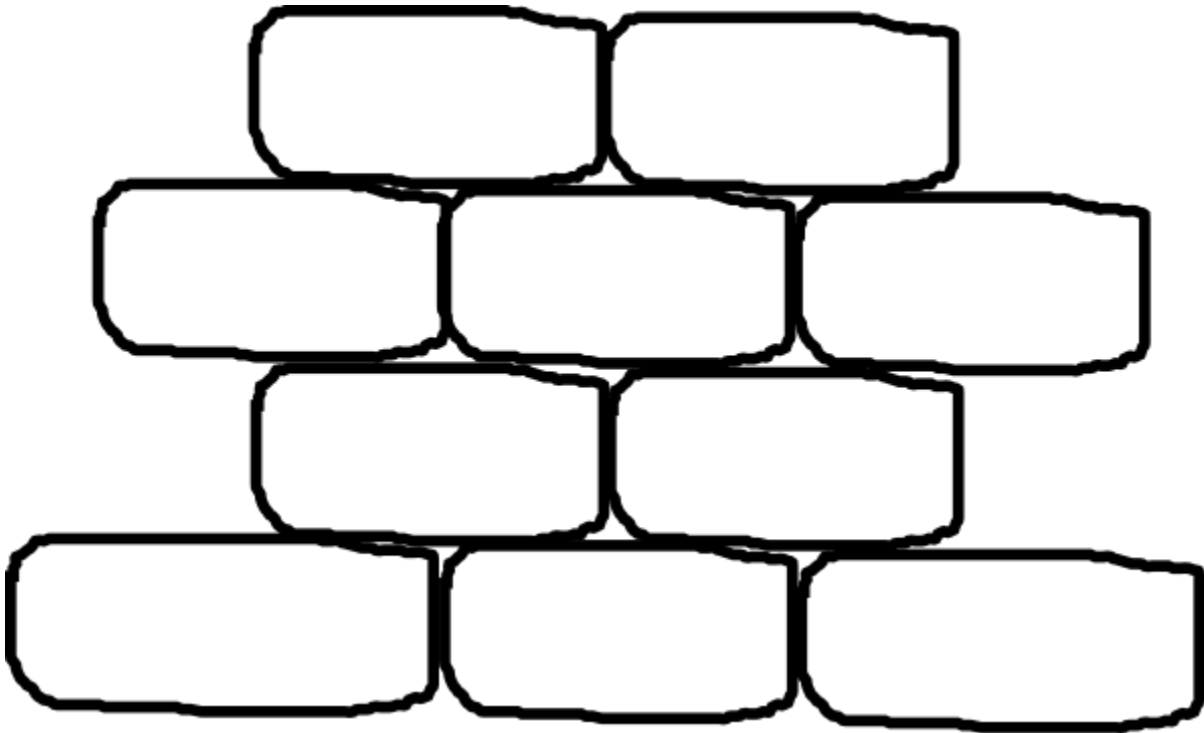
Makes Chaos.
Makes problems.

Cut out phrases below and place them in the correct box -- **Peacemaker** or **Peacebreaker!**

Gets help	Is being a bully	Asks what's wrong	Laughs when its not funny	Calls others names
Doesn't listen	Says I'm sorry	Finds a solution	Lies to people	Talks it out

Blessed are the Peacemakers...

Nehemiah was a peacemaker for the Israelites. Cut out the bricks below and glue the verse in order to see what Nehemiah wanted the people to do.



Blessed are the Peacemakers...

Nehemiah was a peacemaker for the Israelites.

Look at the following verses and match them to show how Nehemiah was a peacemaker.

The image shows two columns of 3D rectangular boxes. The left column contains the following text:

- Nehemiah 2:16
- Nehemiah 8:9-10
- Nehemiah 6:3
- Nehemiah 1:5-11
- Nehemiah 2:17

The right column contains the following text:

- He prayed for guidance.
- He listened and looked.
- Reminded them of their faith.
- He encouraged them.
- Knew he was doing God's work.

Blessed are the Peacemakers...

Nehemiah was a peacemaker for the Israelites. I can be a peacemaker, too. Write how you can be a peacemaker in each situation below.

Peacemakers
WANTED
You see a boy making fun of the new girl at school. How can you be a peacemaker?

Peacemakers
WANTED
Someone is mean to you at school. How can you be a peacemaker?

Peacemakers
WANTED
Your brother eats the last cookie that was supposed to be yours. How can you be a peacemaker?

Peacemakers
WANTED
You get into an argument with your friend. How can you be a peacemaker?

Peacemakers
WANTED
Your sister takes your favorite book out of your hand while you are reading. How can you be a peacemaker?

Peacemakers
WANTED
You fight with your sister over putting away the laundry. How can you be a peacemaker?

Peacemakers
WANTED
You want to watch TV same time as your brother, but you both want to watch different shows. How can you be a peacemaker?

Peacemakers
WANTED
You and your friend both want to be first in line. How can you be a peacemaker?



**The
peacemakers
are blessed,
for they
will be
called
sons
of God.**

Theirs is the
Kingdom of
Heaven

They will be
comforted

They will
inherit the
earth

They will be
filled

They will be
shown Mercy

They will see
God

They will be
called sons of
God

Theirs is the
kingdom of
heaven

Blessed are
Poor in Spirit

Blessed are
those who
mourn

Blessed are
the Meek

Blessed are those
who hunger and
thirst for
righteousness

Blessed are
the Merciful

Blessed are
the Pure in
Heart

Blessed are
the
Peacemakers

Blessed are those
who are
persecuted for
righteousness

Building our Beatitudes

- * Cut on solid lines
- * Fold into middle on dotted lines
- * Add picture
- * Draw or Write ways you can be a peacemaker



We will be adding a picture and how we can show the beatitude each week. Activity page only needs to be printed once. A new picture to put on will be sent each week. See samples below.

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Blessed are Poor in Spirit	Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven
Blessed are those who mourn	They will be comforted
Blessed are the Meek	They will inherit the earth
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness	They will be filled
Blessed are the Merciful	They will be shown Mercy
Blessed are the Pure in Heart	They will see God
Blessed are the Peacemakers	They will be called sons of God
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness	Theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Folded and Filled

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