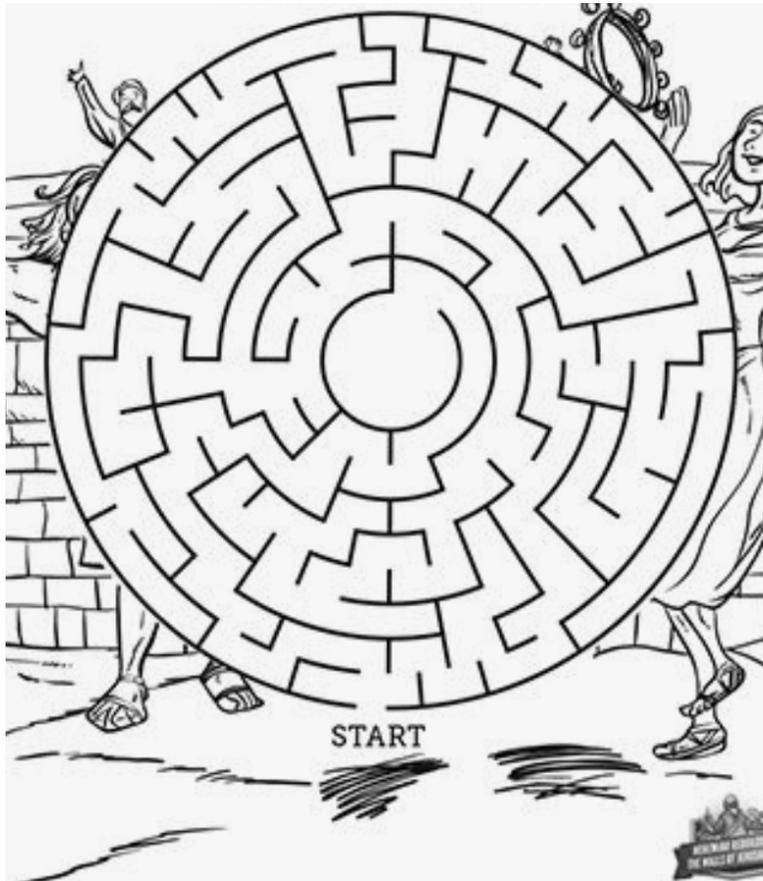


Family Focus

Time to show
Endurance!

Lead Nehemiah to Jerusalem so he can rebuild
the walls.



Evenwood C of E Primary School



Endurance

The ability to endure an unpleasant or
difficult process or situation without
giving in.



Our Christian Values

"Life in all its fullness"

Our vision guides us in all that we hope to be, enabling every part of our community to grow and develop. This means growing in body, mind and spirit in order to flourish and experience the joy and hope of, 'life in all its fullness' (John 10v10)

Read together!

Nehemiah lived in the city of Susa and worked in King Artaxerxes' palace. He was a special helper to the king. Everyday Nehemiah faithfully served the King. One day, Nehemiah's brother came to visit. He told Nehemiah some sad news about the city of Jerusalem where their family had once lived. His brother said, "The wall and gates surrounding the city are all fallen down. The people are in trouble." This news troubled Nehemiah. He wanted to help, but he didn't know how—so he prayed and asked God what he should do. Later, when Nehemiah was serving King Artaxerxes, the king noticed that Nehemiah looked sad. He asked Nehemiah why he was so sad. Nehemiah told the king, "The city where my people lived has been destroyed and the gates are torn down." The king asked Nehemiah what he wanted to do. Nehemiah prayed and asked God what to say to the king. Then he said, "Please let me go home and rebuild Jerusalem's wall and gates." The king wanted to help Nehemiah, so he allowed him to go to Jerusalem to work to repair the city. He even helped Nehemiah get the lumber he would need. When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, he rode around the city to see what needed to be done. Then he told the people he had returned to Jerusalem to rebuild its wall and gates. He also told them he would need lots of help. People from all over helped with this huge building project. Imagine it with me. "Bang! Bang! Bang!" went the hammers. "Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!" went the saws. The people worked hard, and in 52 days the wall and gates were finished. The people celebrated and worshiped God because now they had a secure wall and strong gates around their city. Nehemiah was thankful that God had used him to help do this important work.

TALK ABOUT ENDURANCE TOGETHER.

Endurance is recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful, and that it is important not to give up in the face of adversity.

As a family you may like to talk about

- Things you are finding difficult at the moment.
- A time when you have overcome a difficulty
- Who has made something difficult for you?
- How it feels when you succeed.

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4