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God Makes Things New

Today's story is about a guy named Nehemiah and is found in the book of Nehemiah in the Bible. He was a powerful guy who worked for the king, and God had a really special job for him. It wasn't easy, and it took a lot of guts to do!

Watch: [Nehemiah](#)

Discuss: ● What was Nehemiah trying to do?
　　　　● How did God help Nehemiah's in today's story?
　　　　● What kinds of things are "broken" or imperfect, in your life?
　　　　● Have you ever made something new out of something old?
　　　　● God created you and He is STILL creating you. What might He want to make new in you?
　　　　● What do you need God's help with?

God took something old and broken, and He turned it into something brand new. No matter how bad things seem, God can take anything that's old or broken, and He can make it new. Even a city that had been completely ruined! Because His people trusted and obeyed Him, God restored their home. Nehemiah is kind of similar to someone else who helped rebuild. Someone that God sent to us, not just to rebuild a city, but to rebuild His entire kingdom! It was Jesus, and He had a really important job to do while He was here. He came to rescue each and every one of us from all the sin and hurt in this world! He died and took the punishment for our wrong choices, so that we don't have to. Isn't that GREAT NEWS??

Do: Find some things around your house that are 'old,' and make them into something NEW! (i.e old newspapers, paper towel rolls, or other recycled materials can be used to create a sculpture!)

Nehemiah LOVED God with all his heart, and he followed what God said. The verse this week is all about how we should show our love to God too! Matthew 22:37: ***'Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."'***

Pray: God, thank you for making ALL things new. Thank you for giving us a job to do, just like Nehemiah. Help us listen for your voice, and follow you. Amen!