

THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit Theme: Exploring the Stories of the
Old Testament

Today's story: Nehemiah 8:1-12

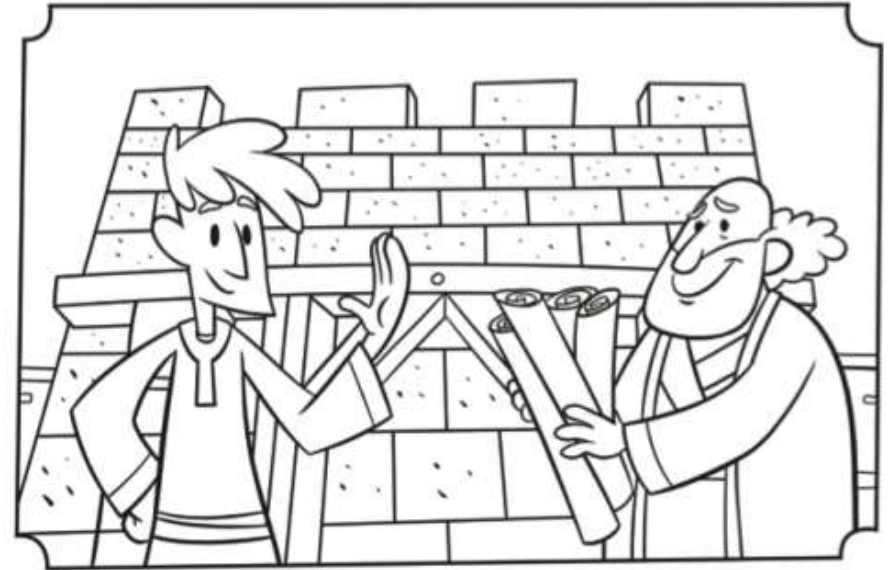
Key Verse: "So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading." Nehemiah 8:8

Questions to go deeper into the story:

- What special preparations were made for this public reading of God's Word?
- Why were some people there to be among the crowd as the reading was happening?
- Why were the people crying as they heard the reading?
- How did Nehemiah and Ezra respond to the people's grief and crying? What did they tell the people to do? Are their directions to the people surprising to you? Why or why not?

Activity possibilities:

- Check out the coloring picture on the back of this insert.
- Make your own scroll like Ezra's! Write or print in ink today's key verse in the center of a plain white piece of paper as neatly as you can. Then place the paper onto a cookie. Slowly pour a half a cup of tea onto the paper and let it soak for a few minutes. Then pull it out and place on a cookie rack to dry. Once it is dry, you can roll it into a scroll tying it with a burlap string or piece of plain brown ribbon and you have a scroll like Ezra's!
- Ask someone you know if they have a favorite Bible story and, if they do, ask them to tell you what it is. If they don't have one, tell them yours!



Nehemiah became the governor of the Israelites and Ezra became the priest. - **Nehemiah 5**

Check out Pinterest for a neat word search on this story!

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Or, make your own! Write down all the names of the people helping Ezra listed in verse 7. Then, see how many names of people you know you can make from the letters in those names!