

# Four's

## November 11, 2018

**Bible Focus:** I am thankful for people who help me.

Nehemiah Builds a Wall • *Nehemiah 1–6*

**Memory Verse:** “Always give thanks to God.” Ephesians 5:20, NCV

**Key Question:** Who are you thankful for?

**Bottom Line:** I am thankful for people who help me.

**Basic Truth:** God made me.

### Make It True (Large Group, 20 minutes)

*Historyteller Greets children at the door as music plays.*

**CG:** *Welcome Slide (“Get Up”)*

*Stop music once all classes are in and on a line.*

### Worship

**What You Need:** Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Ephesians 5:20.”

**HISTORYTELLER: HISTORYTELLER:** “It’s so good to see you today. I can’t wait to sing with you today. But first, tell me. **Who are you thankful for?”**

**CG:** *Bottom Line Slide*

**CHILDREN AND HISTORYTELLER:** “I am thankful for people who help me.”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Yes! [*Bottom Line*] “I am thankful for people who help me. God made each and every one of us to be happy helpers, and I am thankful that you help me sing and dance every week. Are you ready to sing this month’s song?”

**SFX:** *“Thankful”*

“Yay! What incredible singers you are. **Who are you thankful for?”**

**CG:** *Bottom Line Slide*

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** “I am thankful for people who help me.”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Me too! **I am thankful for people who help me.** We can thank God for the people who help us. We can thank God for everything! Our memory verse says exactly that. Are you ready to do it with me? *(Pause.)* Let’s do it!

**CG: Memory Verse Slide**

*Always (arms up around to side) give thanks (ASL thank you) to God (both hands pointing up), Ephesians 5:20. (Open your hands like a book.) Let’s do it again.”*

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** “*Always (arms up around to side) give thanks (ASL thank you) to God (both hands pointing up), Ephesians 5:20.” (Open your hands like a book.) (Repeat several times.)*

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Way to go! God made everything. He made you and me and all the people who help us. God made us, God loves us, and we can trust Him no matter what. Hey, we have a song about that. Let’s sing together.

**SFX: “Trustin’-N-U”**

“I love singing about our God who made us and loves us and sends us people to help us. **Who are you thankful for?”**

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “I am thankful for people who help me.”**

## **Introductory Sketch**

**CG: Intro Sketch Video**

## **Bible History Lesson**

**What You Need:** A Bible and boxes

**HISTORYTELLER:** “If you’re happy to be here today, say, ‘Oh happy day!’”

**CHILDREN:** “Oh happy day!”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Super! I’m certainly happy to be with you because today I want to tell you the most amazing, TRUE story from the Bible *(hold up Bible)* about a guy named Nehemiah. What was his name?”

**CHILDREN:** “Nehemiah!”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Yes! Nehemiah lived a LONG time ago. You can read all about his life in the Bible. Nehemiah loved God very much. One day, he learned that the wall around the city of Jerusalem—his home—had broken down. Nehemiah was very sad. Can you show what your face would look like if you were VERY sad?”

*(Pause as children respond.)*

“He was sad, but can you guess what he decided to do? Nehemiah set off to fix the wall around Jerusalem. But when he got there, oh no! The wall was so BIG. *(Motion to the boxes.)* And it was SUPER broken down. Do you think Nehemiah could fix it all on his own? *(Pause.)* No way! He needed lots of help. On the count of three, everyone say, ‘HELP!’ Ready? One, two, three!”

**CHILDREN:** “HELP!”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Well, LOTS of people came to help! *(Start stacking the boxes to make a wall.)* Each group took a different section of the wall. One group worked on the tower. Everyone on this side *(point to the children on your right)*, show me how you would build a tower. *(Pause.)* Awesome.

“Another group worked on the gates. Everyone on this side *(motion to the children on your left)*, show me how you would build a gate. *(Pause.)* Great job! And even more people worked on other sections of the wall. *(Point to the children in the center.)* Show me how you would build a section of the wall. *(Pause.)* Wow! You guys are awesome builders. Keep working, everyone!

*(Keep stacking the boxes until you have a “wall.”)*

“They worked and worked and worked and worked and worked until one day, the wall was finished! Nehemiah was so thankful to all the people who helped him build the wall. They were all happy helpers! Did you like that Bible Truth? If you liked it, give me two thumbs up. *(Pause as children respond.)* I am SO thankful for people who help me! Now let me hear it from you. Tell me: **Who are you thankful for?**”

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “I am thankful for people who help me.”**

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Me too! Nehemiah was thankful for all the people who helped him rebuild the wall. It was WAY too big a job for one person.

**Exit Sketch**

**CG: Exit Sketch Video**

**Offering and Prayer**

*Music Plays as the offering container is passed around*

**SFX: "Revelation Song"**

*Bring volume down to signify prayer time.*

**HISTORYTELLER:** "Let's pray.

"Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and for giving us so many people who help us. Thank You for our moms and dads and grandparents and brothers and sisters and friends and teachers and Small Group Leaders and so many others who help us. This week, we want to remember to say thank you to each person who helps us. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

**Dismiss**

"Well, that's it for today. Have fun and I'll see you next time. Bye!"

*Start Music as children exit. Historyteller stands at the door as children exit.*

**CG: Farewell Slide ("Get Up")**

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**Basic Truth:** God made me.

### Make It True (Large Group, 15 minutes)

*Historyteller Greets children at the door as music plays.*

**CG:** Welcome Slide (“Get Up”)

*Stop music once all classes are in and on a line.*

### Worship

**What You Need:** Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Ephesians 5:20.”

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**CG:** Bottom Line Slide

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** [*Bottom Line*] “I am thankful for people who help me.”

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**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** “*Always (arms up around to side) give thanks (ASL thank you) to God (both hands pointing up), Ephesians 5:20.” (Open your hands like a book.) (Repeat several times.)*

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Way to go! God made everything. He made you and me and all the people who help us. I wonder what’s going on in the Clubhouse today. Let’s go have a look.”

## **Introductory Sketch**

**CG: Intro Sketch Video**

## **Bible History Lesson**

**What You Need:** A Bible

**HISTORYTELLER:** “A food drive sounds like a wonderful thing for helpers to do.”

“Hey, if you’re happy to be here today, say, ‘Oh happy day!’”

**CHILDREN:** “Oh happy day!”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Super! I’m certainly happy to be with you because today I want to tell you the most amazing, TRUE story from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) about a guy named Nehemiah. What was his name?”

**CHILDREN:** “Nehemiah!”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Yes! Nehemiah lived a LONG time ago. You can read all about his life in the Bible. Nehemiah loved God very much. One day, he learned that the wall around the city of Jerusalem—his home—had broken down. Nehemiah was very sad. Can you show what your face would look like if you were VERY sad?”

*(Pause as children respond.)*

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SUPER broken down. Do you think Nehemiah could fix it all on his own? *(Pause.)* No way! He needed lots of help. On the count of three, everyone say, 'HELP!' Ready? One, two, three!"

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### **Exit Sketch**

**CG:** *Exit Sketch Video*

### **Offering and Prayer**

*Music Plays as the offering container is passed around*

**SFX:** *"Revelation Song"*

*Bring volume down to signify prayer time.*

**HISTORYTELLER:** "Let's pray and thank God for all the people who help us."

**HISTORYTELLER:** "Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and for giving us so many people who help us. Thank You for our moms and dads and grandparents and brothers and sisters and friends and teachers and Small Group Leaders and so many

others who help us. This week, we want to remember to say thank you to each person who helps us. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

**Dismiss**

"Well, that's it for today. Have fun and I'll see you next time. Bye!"

*Start Music as children exit. Historyteller stands at the door as children exit.*

**CG: Farewell Slide ("Get Up")**

MEMORY VERSE

"Always give  
thanks to God."

EPHESIANS 5:20, NCV



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**"Always**

(Arms up around to side)

**give thanks**

(ASL thank you)

**to God."**

(Both hands pointing up)

**Ephesians 5:20**

(Open hands like a book)

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