



Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall

Nehemiah 2-4

Today's story comes from a book in the Bible called Nehemiah. Can you say, "Nehemiah"? (Pronounced: Nnee-huh-my-uh. Everyone says, "Nehemiah.")

Nehemiah (point to man WITHOUT crown) was a special helper to the King (point to King), in a town called Babylon (point to sign).



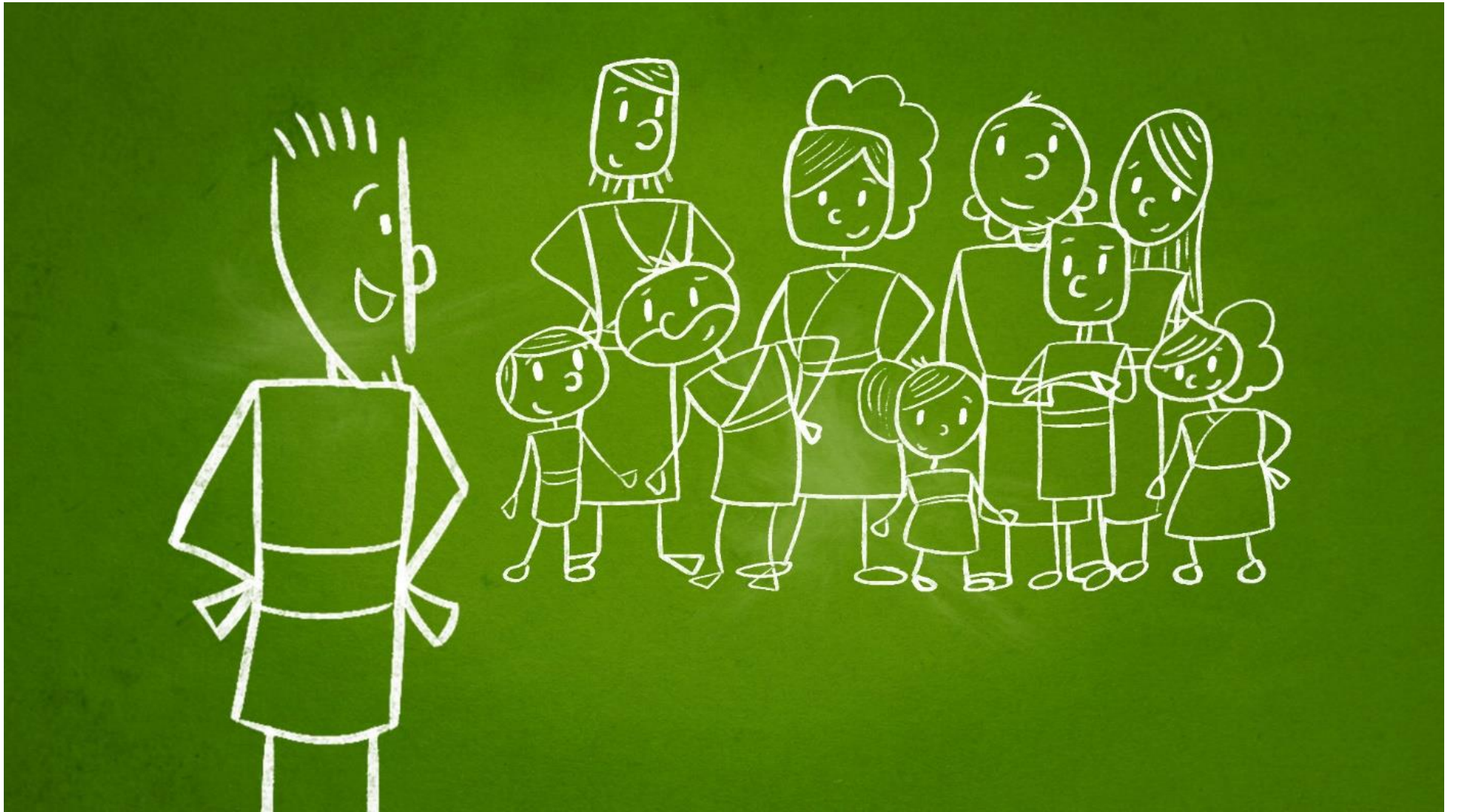
While Nehemiah was working, he found out that the walls protecting his hometown, far away, were falling down.

***Let me hear you say, “Oh no!”
(Everyone says, “Oh no!”)***

This made Nehemiah so sad, because it meant that all of the people in his hometown were not safe from enemy attacks.

Nehemiah asked the King if he could go home and fix the walls. The king said, “Yes!”

***Let me hear you say, “Yes!”
(Everyone says, “Yes!”)***



So Nehemiah went to his hometown and got a big group of people together to help rebuild the wall.

These people loved God and they were all on God's Team.

Let's all cheer for God's Team!
(Everyone cheers.)



Nehemiah and God's Team worked together, TAKING TURNS to rebuild the wall.

***Let's all pretend to hammer.
(Everyone pretends to hammer.)***

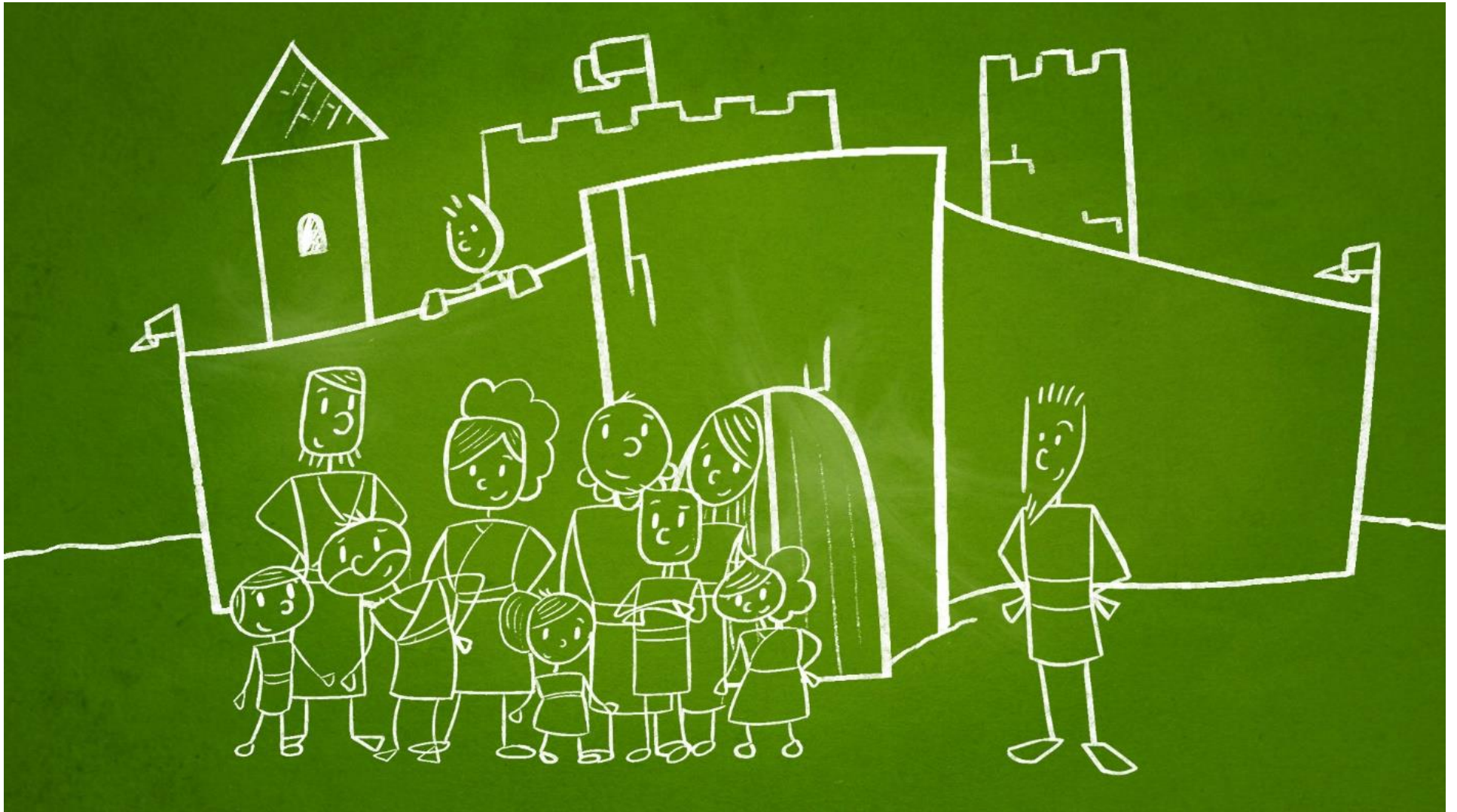
Some of the team took turns building gates. Some teammates took turns putting up doors.

***Everyone reach your hands up high.
(Everyone reaches high.)***

Some of the team took turns building really tall towers.

***Now sit up straight and tall, and put your hands on your hips.
(Everyone sits up tall and puts hands on hips.)***

You look just like some of the teammates, who took turns standing guard to keep everyone safe from enemy attacks.



This was SO much work for only ONE (show one finger) person to do!

But, because Nehemiah and God's Team TOOK TURNS, they finished rebuilding the wall in only 52 days!

Let's cheer for Nehemiah and God's Team!
(Everyone cheers.)

When we play on God's Team, we can show love to others and do more together when we TAKE TURNS!

If you can take turns, let me hear you say this after me:
(Pause to allow kids to repeat)

On God's Team, (both hands point up)
I Take Turns (hands reach forward, palms up)