God made Nehemiah the leader of the people who were going to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. No one had lived there for a long time, so the walls were all broken down. Nehemiah and his workers spent hours and hours building the city back up like God wanted them to. But, there were some other people nearby who did not want the wall to be built. They were afraid that if Jerusalem had a strong wall again, then they might have to fight against the city. These men laughed at Nehemiah and told his people that they would never get the job done. It was too hard, and too much work. The neighbors even got together and planned to attack Jerusalem to stop the wall from going up.

But Nehemiah and the others did not quit just because other people said they should. They worked even harder to get the job done. And because they didn’t give up, they finished the wall.

Life Application: Sometime you may have a hard job to do and feel like quitting. You may even have other people tell you that you can’t do it. But if you know it is the right thing to do. God will help you finish the job. He will make you strong.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for being with me whenever I ask. Please help me to do the right things even when it is hard. Thank you for hearing my prayers. Amen.

Memory Verse: Whatever you do, do it for the Lord.