Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah Parent Resources

Title: God Moves the Jews to Restore Worship

Passage: Ezra 1–6

Principle: Believers respond to the blessing of worship by submitting their heart to God.

Praise: "I Stand in Awe"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

How did God fulfill Jeremiah's prophesy?

• How did the Israelites worship God?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

By repenting from false worship and following Christ.

By worshiping God with a rejoicing heart.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Ezra 1–6.

Next Week: Ezra 7–10

Title: God Reveals His Goodness to the Jews

Passage: Ezra 7–10

Principle: Believers repent when they see God's goodness and their sin.

Praise: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" **Prompt:** Ask your child these questions:

How did God reveal His goodness to Ezra?

• What attributes of God are found in Ezra's prayer?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

• By studying, obeying, and teaching God's Word.

By confessing your sin and changing your actions.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Ezra 7–10.

Next Week: Esther

Title: God Uses Esther to Protect the Jews

Passage: Esther

Principle: Believers trust in God's plan, power, and protection.

Praise: "Awesome God"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

• How did Esther become Ahasuerus's queen?

• What events led to God's protection of the Jews?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

• By praising God, who controls every event.

By being courageous in doing the right thing.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of the book of Esther.

Next Week: Nehemiah 1:1-4:23; 6:15-16

Title: God Uses Nehemiah to Rebuild Jerusalem's Wall

Passage: Nehemiah 1:1-4:23; 6:15-16

Principle: Believers must depend on God's strength to do God's will.

Praise: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

• How did Nehemiah depend on God?

• How did God accomplish His plan to rebuild the wall?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

• By depending on God's strength to do God's will.

• By praising God for the blessing of being used by Him.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Nehemiah 1:1–4:23, 6:15–16.

Next Week: Nehemiah 8–10

Title: God's Law Brings the Jews to Repentance

Passage: Nehemiah 8–10

Principle: Believers respond to God's Word by turning away from sin and humbly

depending on Christ. **Praise:** "I Love You, Lord"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

• How did the Israelites respond to Ezra reading God's Word?

• What covenant did the people make?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

By rejoicing that God has given us His Word.

• By repenting from sin and committing to obey God.

This Week: As a family, read selected portions of Nehemiah 8–10.

Next Week: Review Sunday