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Unit Summary

Unit 7 is about the times of trouble the Israelites faced, and God's power during them.

In **Nehemiah** (Nehemiah 2; 4; 6:1-15; 12:27, 43), kids will hear about God using Nehemiah to rebuild the walls around the city of Jerusalem.

In **Isaiah's Temple Vision** (Isaiah 6:1-8), kids will hear about Isaiah's vision of God in the temple, and his commitment to be God's messenger.

In **Fiery Furnace** (Daniel 3), kids will hear about how God saves three young men from being burned in a fiery furnace.

In **Writing on the Wall** (Daniel 5) kids will hear about Daniel interpreting a message for King Belshazzar that was written on the wall.

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Lesson 1:
Nehemiah
(Nehemiah 2; 4; 6:1-15; 12:27, 43)
God's plan is unstoppable.

Lesson 2:
Isaiah's Temple Vision (Isaiah 6:1-8)
God invites us to respond to Him.

Lesson 3:
Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)
God is powerful and with us.

Lesson 4:
Writing on the Wall (Daniel 5)
God is in control.

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Encouragement for parents:

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When life feels out of control, are you consistent in what you say, or do you give mixed messages? "It's ok to make mistakes" is a great focus to teach your kids. "What? You spilled the milk again?" is its mixed message. "I love you no matter what" has a mixed counterpart known as "Go away because I'm so frustrated with you." Being stressed and overwhelmed in life, mixed messages surface. Nehemiah and others in Scripture teach us how to live with clear, unmixed messages. Knowing life comes with spiritual battles, they claimed victory by proactively bringing it all to God.

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Memory Verses:

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Micah 6:8

*He has told you, O man, what is good; and **what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?***

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Nehemiah
(Nehemiah 2; 4; 6:1-15; 12:27, 43)

1. Share a time you had a plan to do what's right, but others tried to persuade you to stop.
2. Doing right to and for others is God's plan. How could you know what God wants you to do when others are trying to stop you from doing what is right?
3. God came as Jesus to show us what's good. How could you be more like Jesus when others try to stop you from doing what's right.

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Fiery Furnace
(Daniel 3)

1. What does it mean to have courage? What do you do when you need courage?
2. Share a time you stood up for a friend. How did you feel? How did it make your friend feel?
3. Standing up for God can take courage. When we need this courage, we can circle up with our friends and family. How can they help us remember not to be afraid? How is God in this circle to help you have courage?

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Isaiah's Temple Vision
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

1. Share a time someone told you that you were awesome but did something that made you not believe their words
2. Pretend your friend says they're fine but looks upset. Is that confusing? Why?
3. When what we say doesn't match what we do, people stop believing us. News about God's love and forgiveness is important to tell. Do you confuse people with this message? How? What can you change?

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Writing on the Wall
(Daniel 5)

1. Share a time you didn't tell the truth because you were afraid. Why were you afraid? What did you think would happen if you told the truth?
2. Have you ever had to stand up to a bully? What happened?
3. When Daniel was 80 years old, he stood up to a king who could have bullied and killed him. When you stand up to a bully, how can you remember God is bigger and in control?

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