



Ideas for children and their families

1. Being a global mission worker can be very rewarding but also at times very difficult, especially as they may be away from extended family (and even immediate family) for long periods of time.

Could you as a family put together a small **care package** and send it to a global mission worker with some treats and encouragement from home? You could send it to Csaba and Ilona Veres from this current Blaze Digital Dispatch or there may be another PCI global mission worker or someone overseas that your church has a relationship with that you could encourage through a care package in the post. Find out who is in the family – adults, children etc.

2. Enjoy some **Hungarian cuisine** and make some traditional Gulyás (Goulash). Maybe you could invite another family or couple to your home and share the meal together.

Beef goulash recipe | Good Food (bbcgoodfood.com)

3. Family devotion to use together based on the children's ministry teaching that goes with the current Digital Dispatch from Csaba and Ilona Veres. It is based on Nehemiah 3 and a memory verse from 1 Corinthians 15.

So far in the story:

Nehemiah is in exile, working for the king of Babylon, and he has learned that the walls of Jerusalem are broken and need repaired. When he heard this news, he was very upset. The king noticed how sad he was and asked him what was wrong. Nehemiah explained the situation and the king gave him permission to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, gave him supplies and promised him protection. Nehemiah wanted to rebuild the walls to ensure that God's name would be honoured and exalted in the land. When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem and told the leaders what he was there to do, they agreed to begin the great work of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. The hard work of rebuilding the walls begins and we are going to try and discover who does the work.

Read Nehemiah 3:1, 8, 12, 14, 17, 22.

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What do you notice about who rebuilt the walls?

(Everyone rebuilt a different part, they worked together to complete the walls.)

The amazing thing about the rebuilding of the walls was that all the people took a part and helped to do it, not just builders but priests, perfumers, goldsmiths, ordinary citizens and their sons and daughters. Everyone had a part to play and a section to rebuild.

What could you do as a family to build up your faith together? Is there a service opportunity at church or in your community that you could take part in together?

Some examples might be: doing the welcome at the door on a Sunday together, doing the tea and coffee in church together as family, tidying up the church grounds together, volunteering for a local charity together for a day.