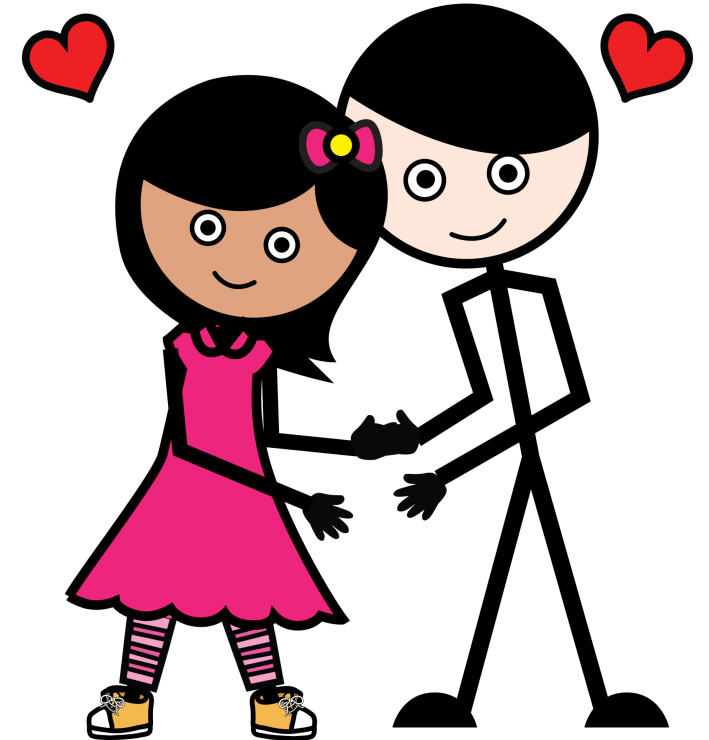
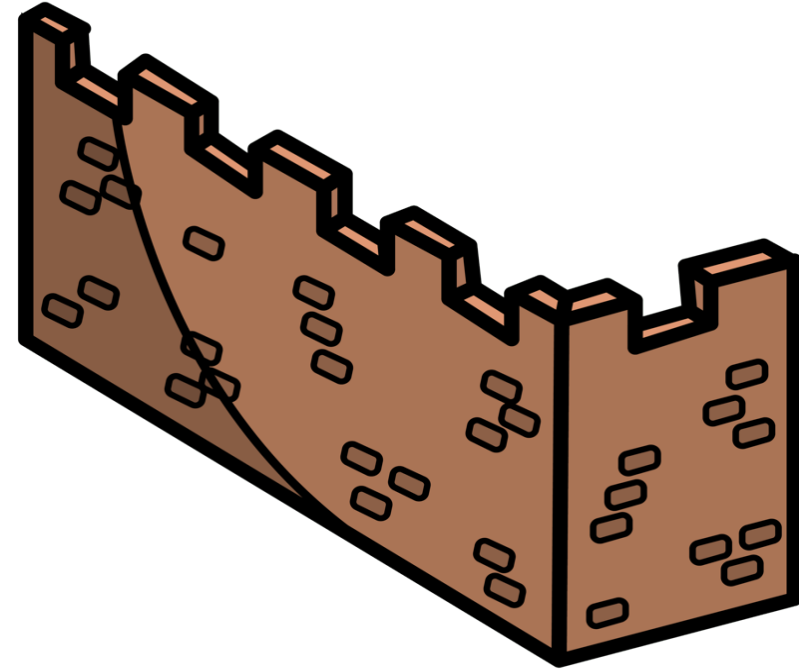


# **Initiative**

**Taking wise action without being told**



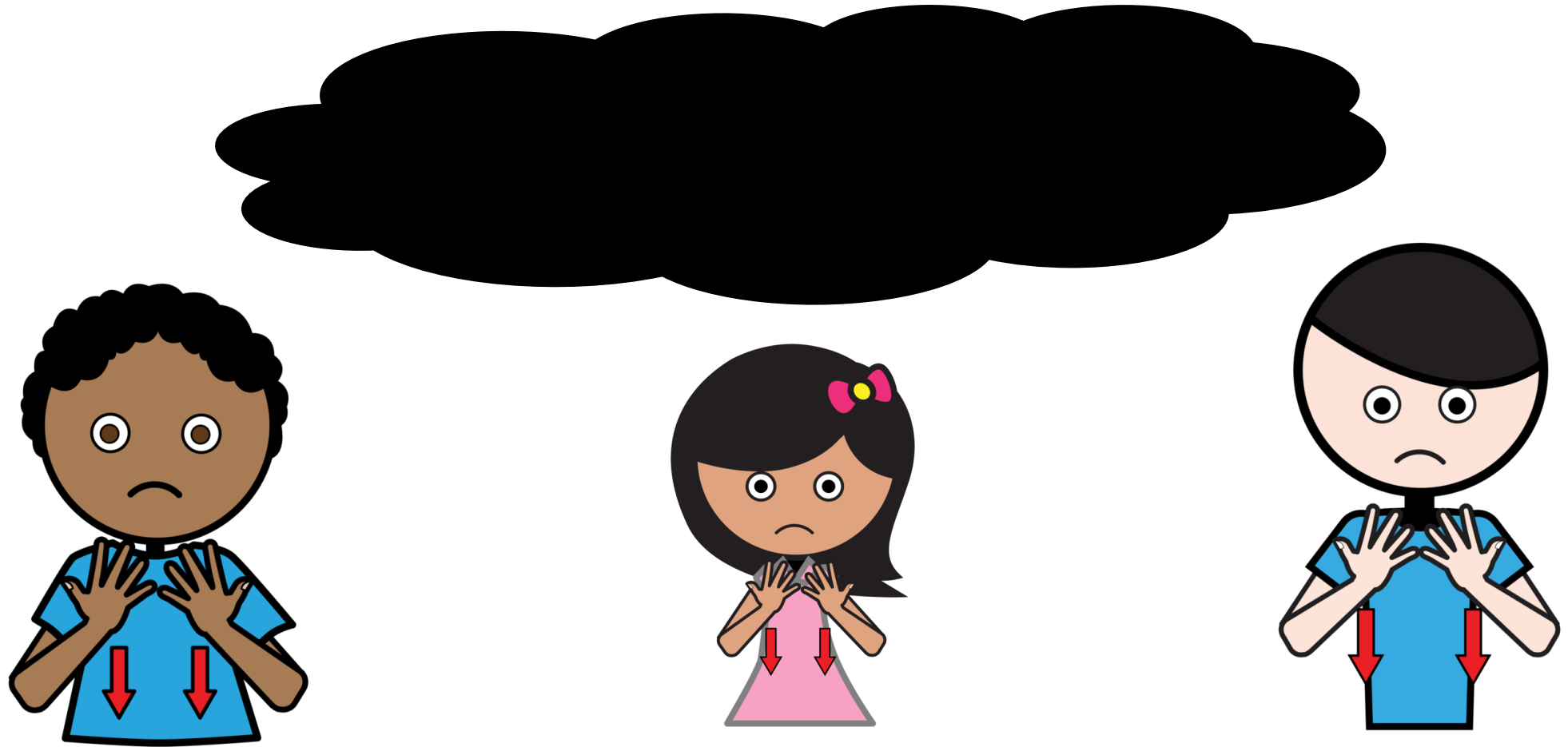
**This Week's Finish Line:**  
**Worship God and celebrate**  
**His faithfulness**



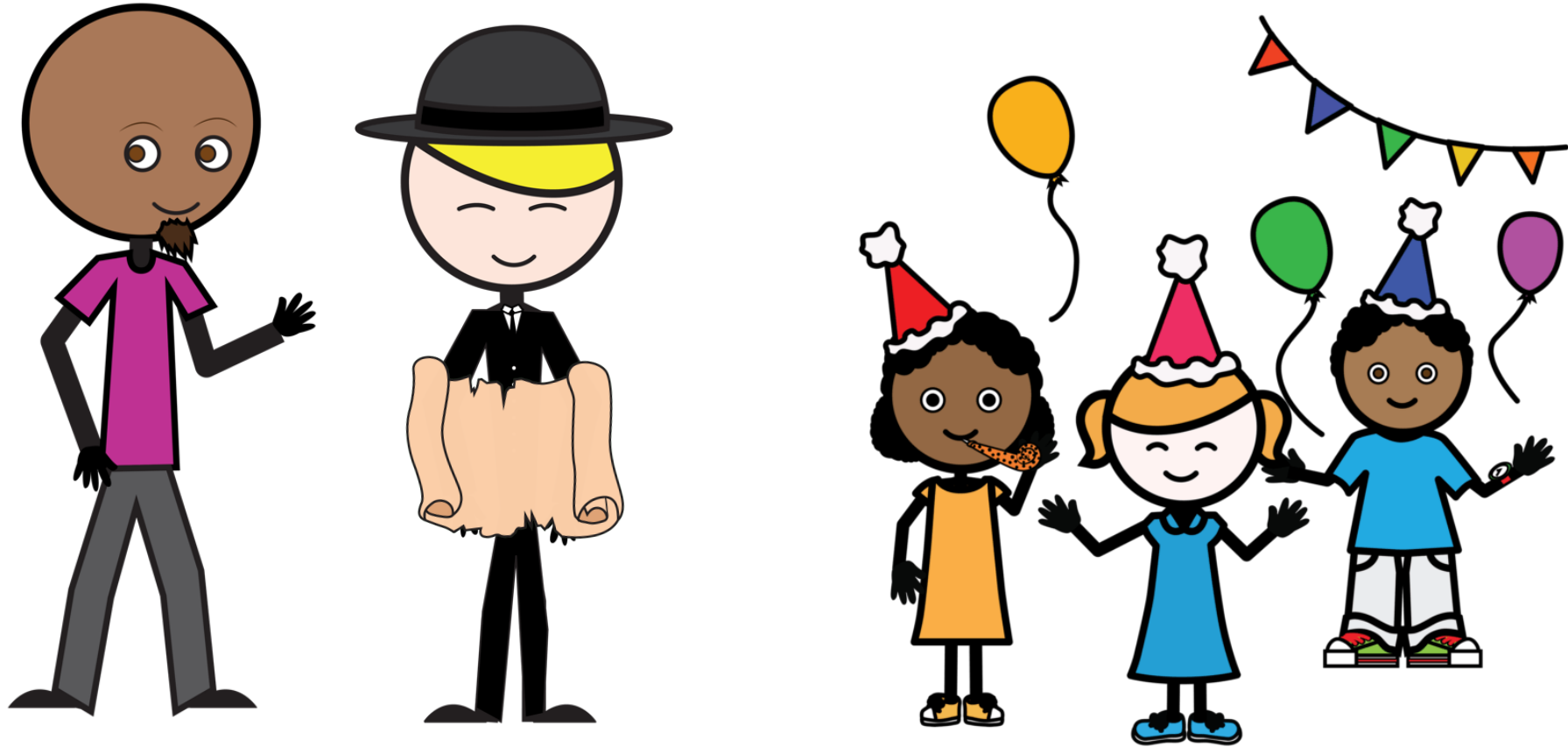
**God helped the Israelites finish building the wall  
around Jerusalem in only 52 days!**



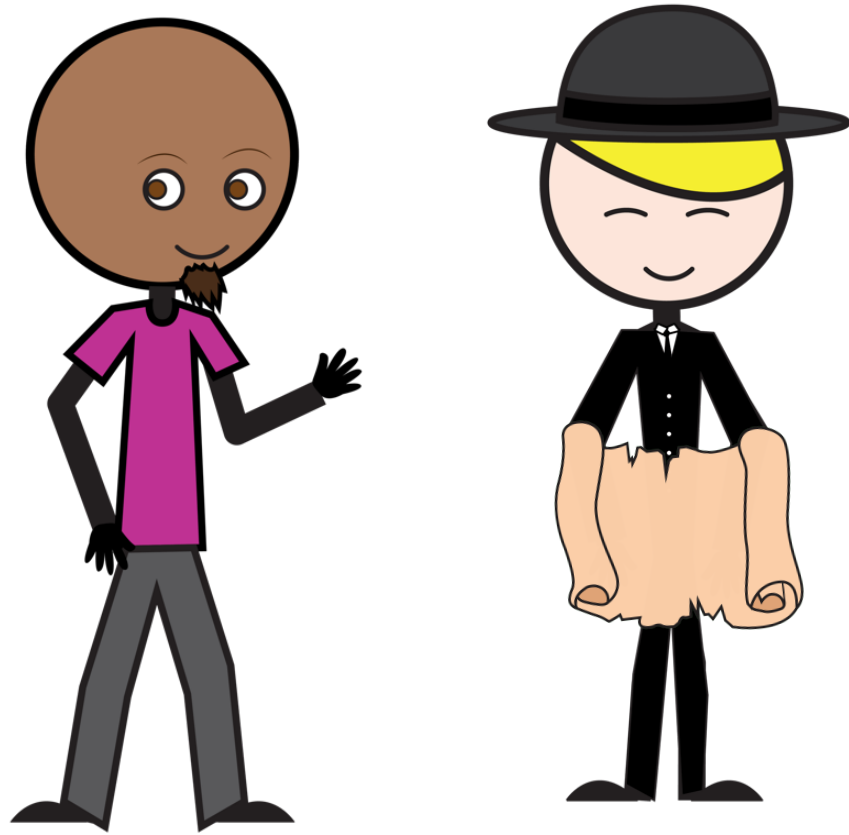
**The people gathered to hear Ezra the priest read God's law to them. God's law told them how they could live in a way that pleased God.**



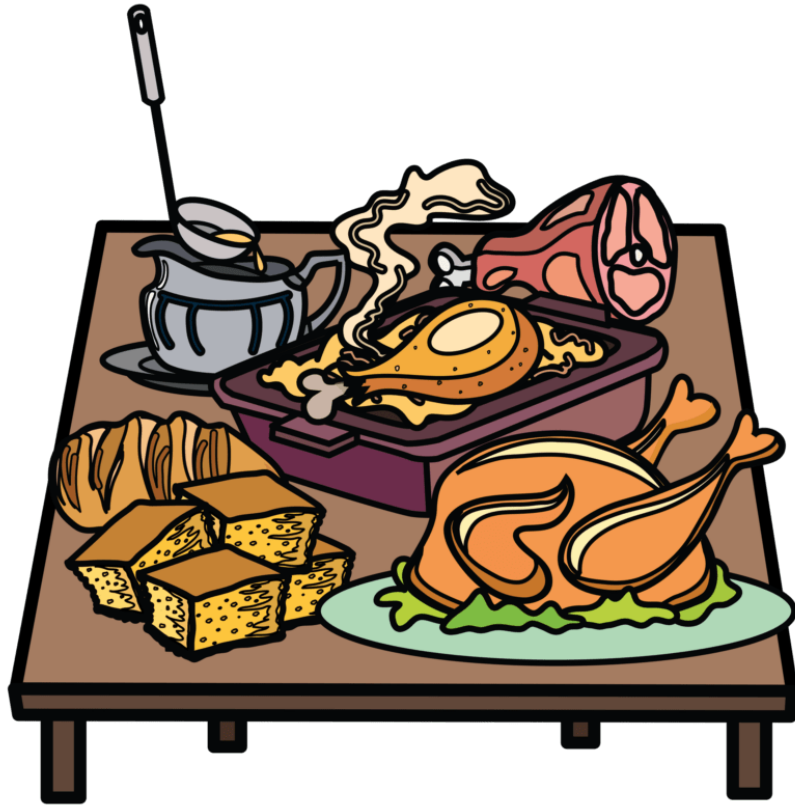
**At first, when they heard God's law, they became very sad. They cried over their sins.**



**Nehemiah and Ezra told them not to be sad.  
This was to be a special day to celebrate the Lord.**

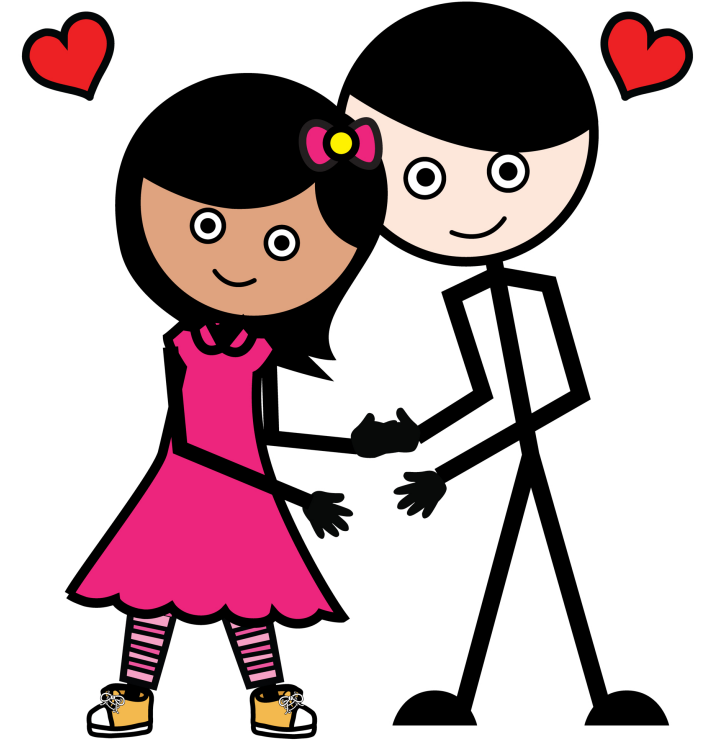


**Nehemiah and Ezra reminded the Israelites of all the ways God had shown His faithfulness to them.**



**The Israelites worshiped God and celebrated His faithfulness. They went home to eat and drink and shared with those who had nothing.**





**Worship God and celebrate His faithfulness.**