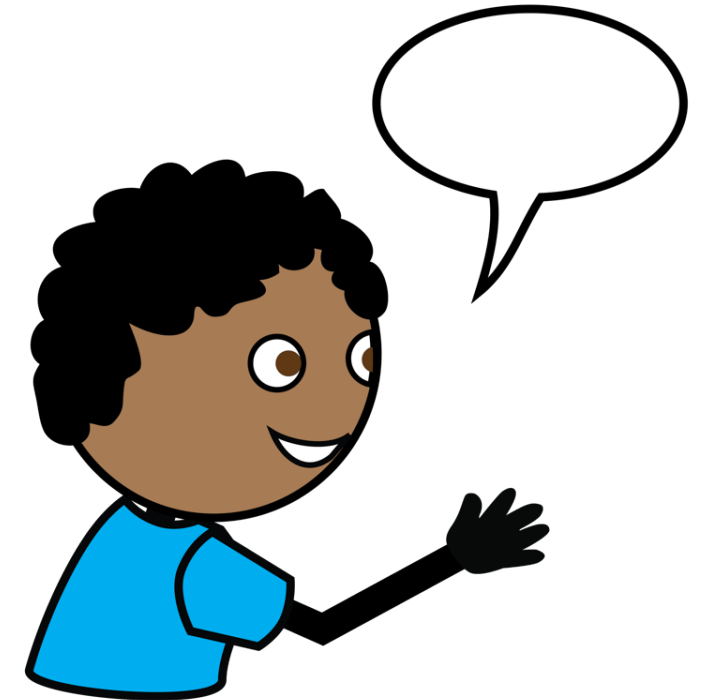
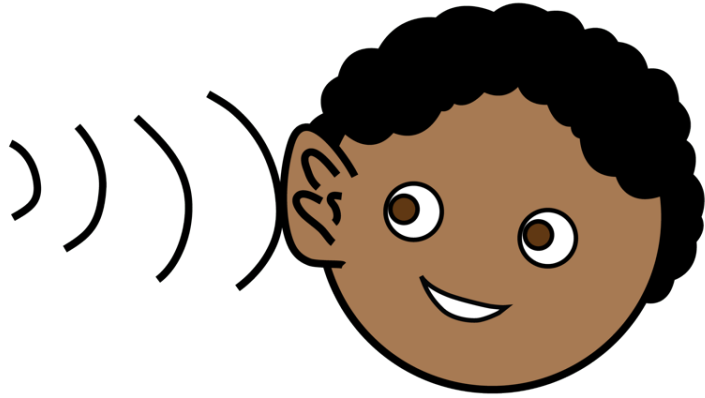
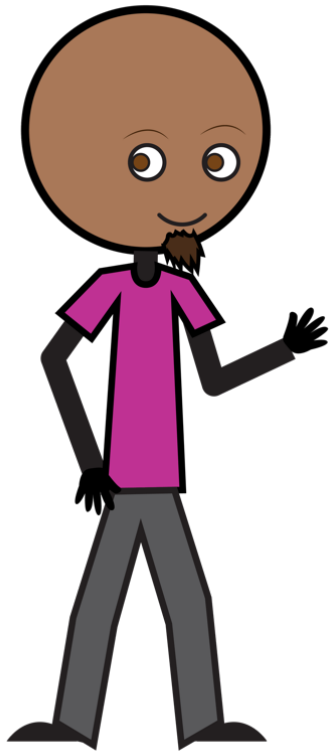


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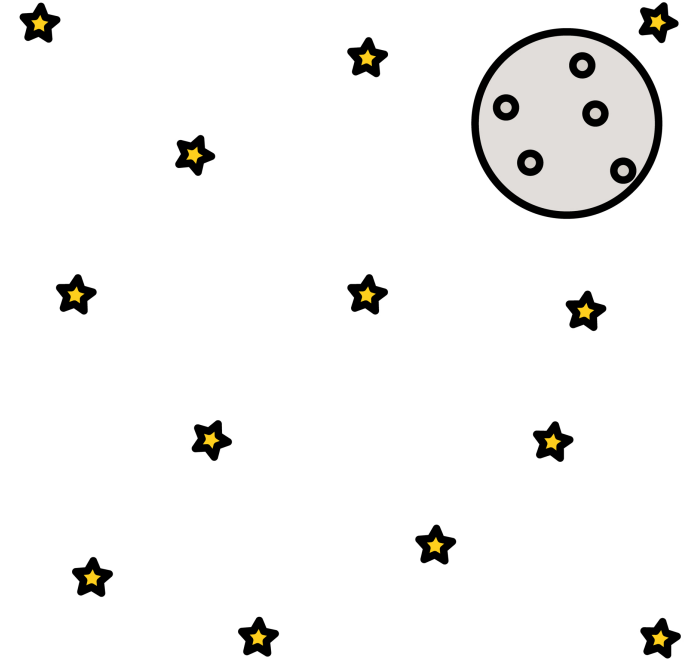
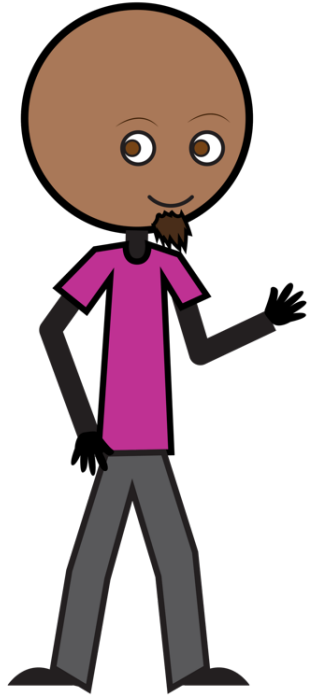
Taking wise action without being told



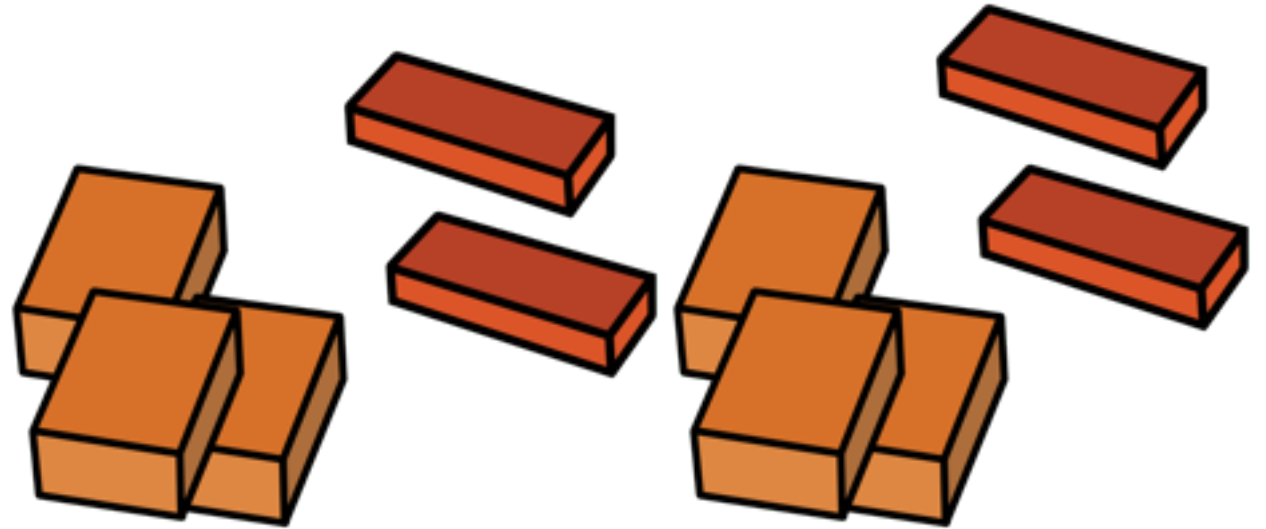
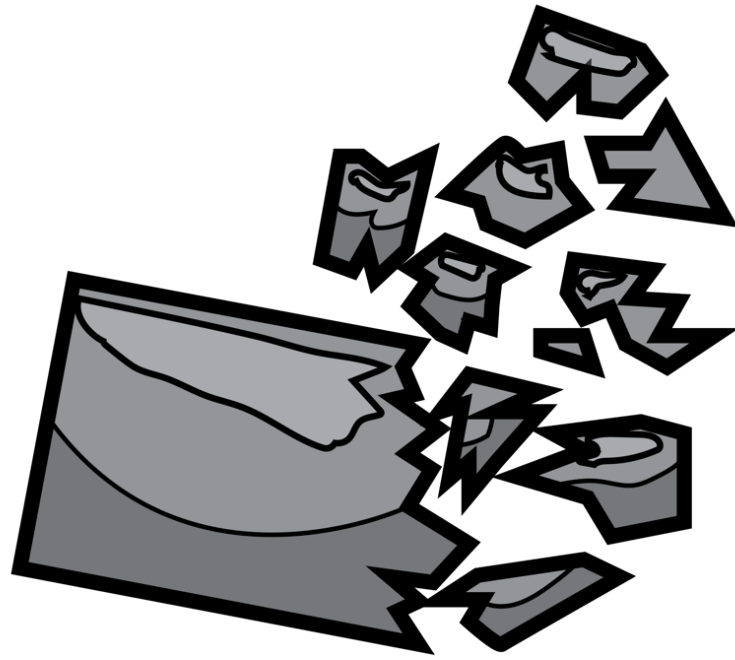
This Week's Finish Line:
Listen to God and speak out



Nehemiah went to Jerusalem to fix the walls. At first, he did not tell anyone the plans God had put in his heart.



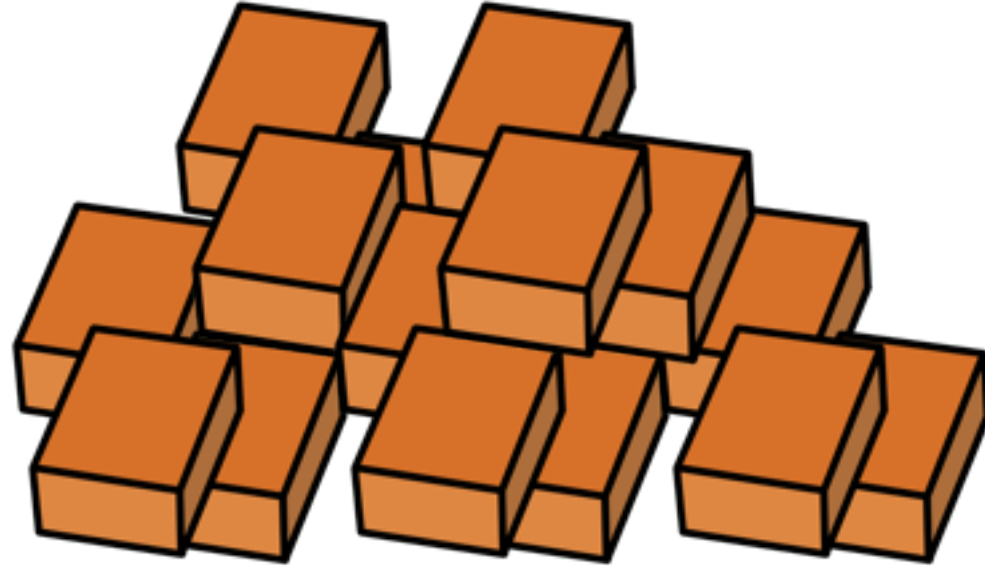
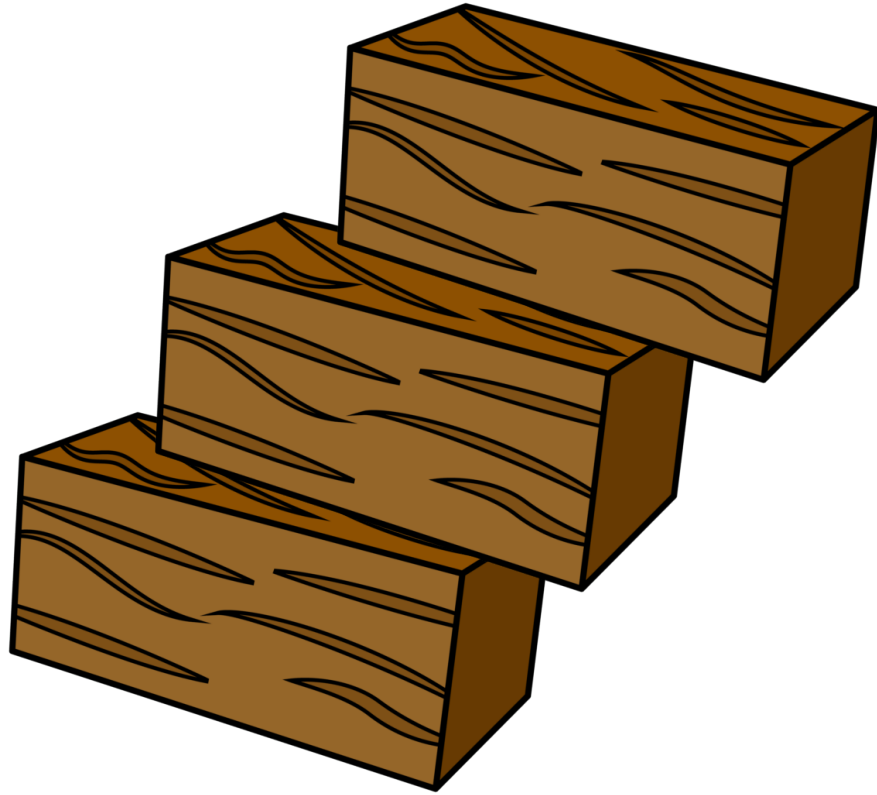
**After Nehemiah had been there for three days,
he went out at night to see what the walls were like.**



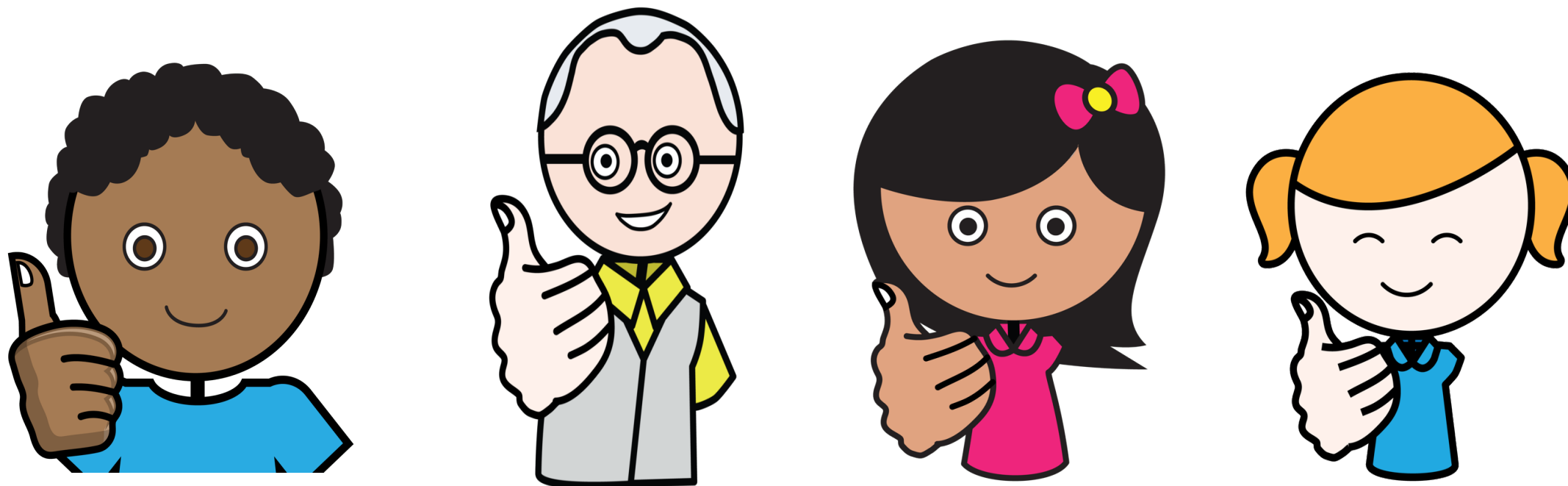
**The walls were very broken. Bricks blocked the way.
Nehemiah needed to see the damage to know how to fix it.**



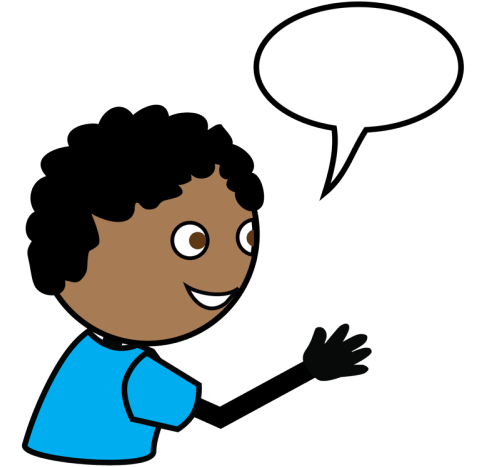
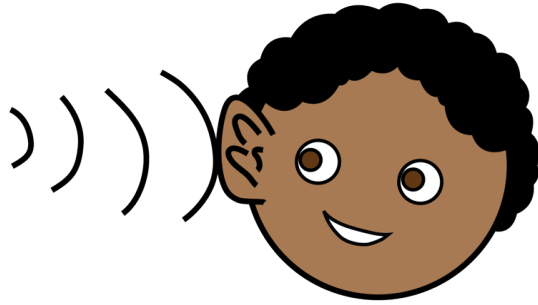
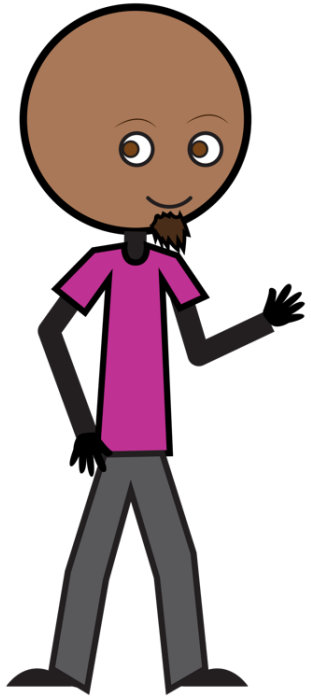
The next day, Nehemiah went to the leaders and told them that he had come to fix the walls. He spoke up and told them that God was with them.



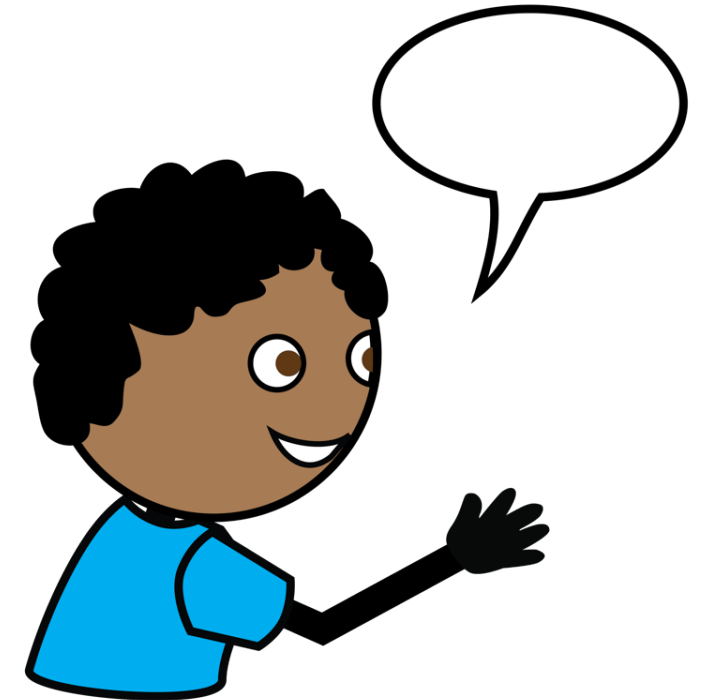
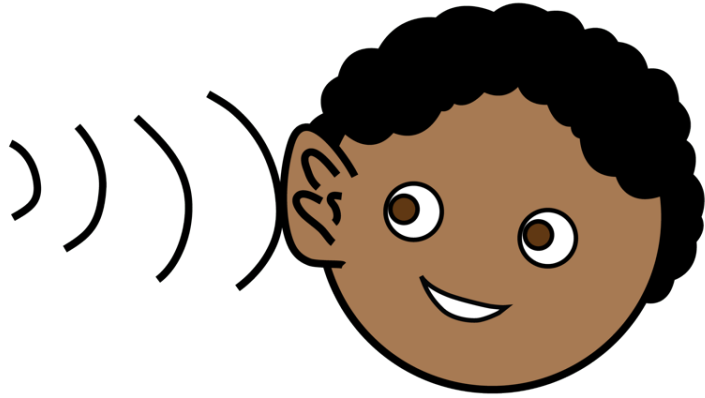
God used King Artaxerxes to provide everything they needed to rebuild the walls.



**When the people heard this, they all agreed
to start the work!**



**Nehemiah showed initiative by
listening to God and speaking out.**



Listen to God and speak out.