**EZRA READS FROM THE BOOK OF THE LAW**

Nehemiah 8:1-18

Key Verse 18

Day after day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God. They celebrated the festival for seven days, and on the eighth day, in accordance with the regulation, there was an assembly.

1. Read verses 1-6. After completing the wall, what did the people want to do? (1) What did Ezra do? (2-6) What can we learn from their responses? (3b, 5b, 6b)

2. Read verses 7-12. How did the Levites help the people? (7, 8) Why did the leaders instruct them not to grieve? (9-11) What made the people become so joyful (12)?

3. Read verses 13-18. What did the heads of the families, priests, and Levites find in the Law while they were studying the Law of God? (13-15) How did they obey the Word of God (16,17)? What did Ezra do during the Feast of Booths? (18)