

Ready for Launch: Boldly do what needs to be done



Use this guide to help your family learn
how God can help us show initiative.

First, watch this weeks video:

hillsideonline.com/kids

Talk about:

What does it mean to
show initiative?

Initiative:

Seeing what needs to
be done and doing it

Memory Verse

“Work at everything
you do with all your
heart. Work as if you
were working for the
Lord.”
Colossians 3:23a, NIV

Bible Story

Nehemiah Plans to
Rebuild the Wall

Nehemiah 1:1-2:18

Bottom Line

Don't wait for
someone else to do
what needs to be
done.

Activity

Don't-Fall Wall

What You Need:

Pillows, cushions, stuffed animals (or
anything else you can use to build a wall)

What You Do:

Hold back the three largest cushions or
pillows, but give your child the other
supplies and instruct them to build a wall
around themselves.

While they're building, ask the following
questions. If they answer correctly, award
them one of the bigger wall-building
supplies you held back.

- What big problem did Nehemiah
want to help fix? (*The wall of
Jerusalem was broken, and the
people there needed help.*)
- Why were walls important to a city?
(*They protected a city from
invaders.*)
- What was the first thing Nehemiah
did before he went and spoke to the
king? (*He prayed and asked God for
help.*)

When the wall is finished, say, “Great job
building an awesome wall. You showed
initiative and did what needed to be
done!”

If you have time, let your child rebuild the wall
again, using other parts of the story as quiz
questions.

Talk About the Bible Story

What was Nehemiah's job? (*cupbearer
to the king of Persia*)

What did a cupbearer do? (*similar to a
bodyguard, checked to make sure no
one poisoned the king's food or drink*)

How did Nehemiah hear about the
situation in Jerusalem? (*His brother,
Hanani, returned from a trip to Judah,
and Nehemiah asked him how things
were.*)

What can you do if you see something
that needs to be done, but you don't
know what to do? How can you figure
out where to start?

Parent: Share about a time when you
saw something that needed to be done
and took the initiative to do it. How did
it make you feel?

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after
talking about the Bible story or
sometime before bed tonight:

“Dear God, just as Nehemiah came to
You for help, we want to do the
same. Help us to recognize
opportunities to show initiative.
When we see a need, help us not to
make excuses to avoid helping out.
Instead, remind us that EVERYTHING
we do can be done for You. In Jesus'
name we pray, amen.”