

# INITIATIVE

Seeing what needs to be done and doing it

WEEK 1

K-1<sup>st</sup>

BOTTOM LINE: Be on the lookout for what needs to be done.

Read | John 3:18

DAY 1

## Take Initiative, Set Intentions

To start the week, let's pray and ask God to show us opportunities where we can take initiative at home, at school, and in our neighborhoods. Taking initiative means you see what needs to be done and then you do it. Pray something like this:

"Dear God, this week I want to be able to see opportunities that will allow me to take initiative. Help me to see what needs to be done and do it. I love You, God. Amen."

LOOK for ways to practice the initiative this week.

DAY 2

## What is Initiative?

Sit down with an adult and talk about what "taking initiative" means. What are some practical things you can do inside of your home that help you practice taking initiative? It could be things like: seeing the messy playroom and picking up before being asked, noticing that the trash is full and needs to be taken out, or sweeping the kitchen floor after dinner. Make a list in the space below of some ways you can take initiative on your own this week.

ASK God to give you opportunities to practice using initiative in your home.

DAY 3

## Walk with Initiative

Yesterday, you talked about what taking initiative looks like. Today, let's put it into action! Look over the list you made yesterday with ideas and pick one out to complete. Whatever it is, see what needs to be done and do it. (Wait until you see the surprised look on your adult's face afterwards!)

THANK God for allowing you to practice initiative today in your home.

DAY 4

## Words + Love = Action

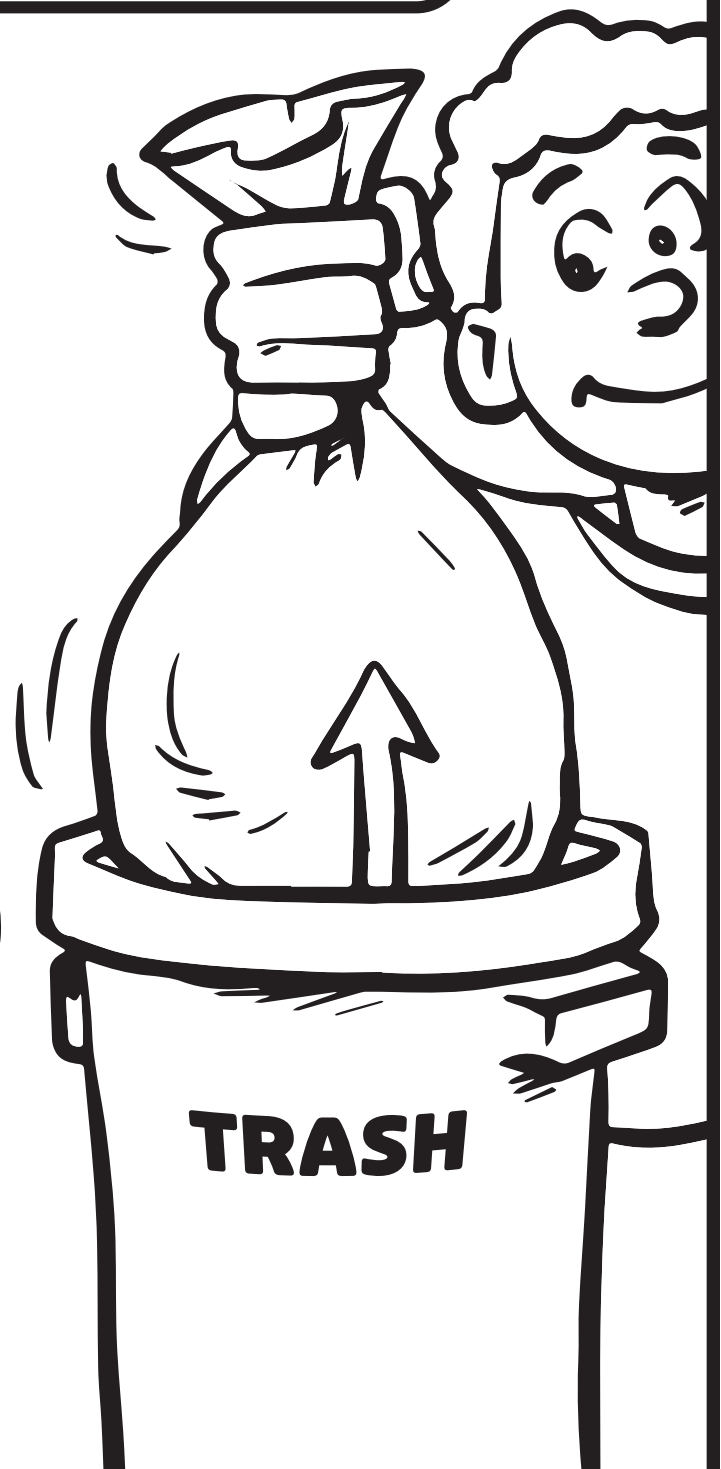
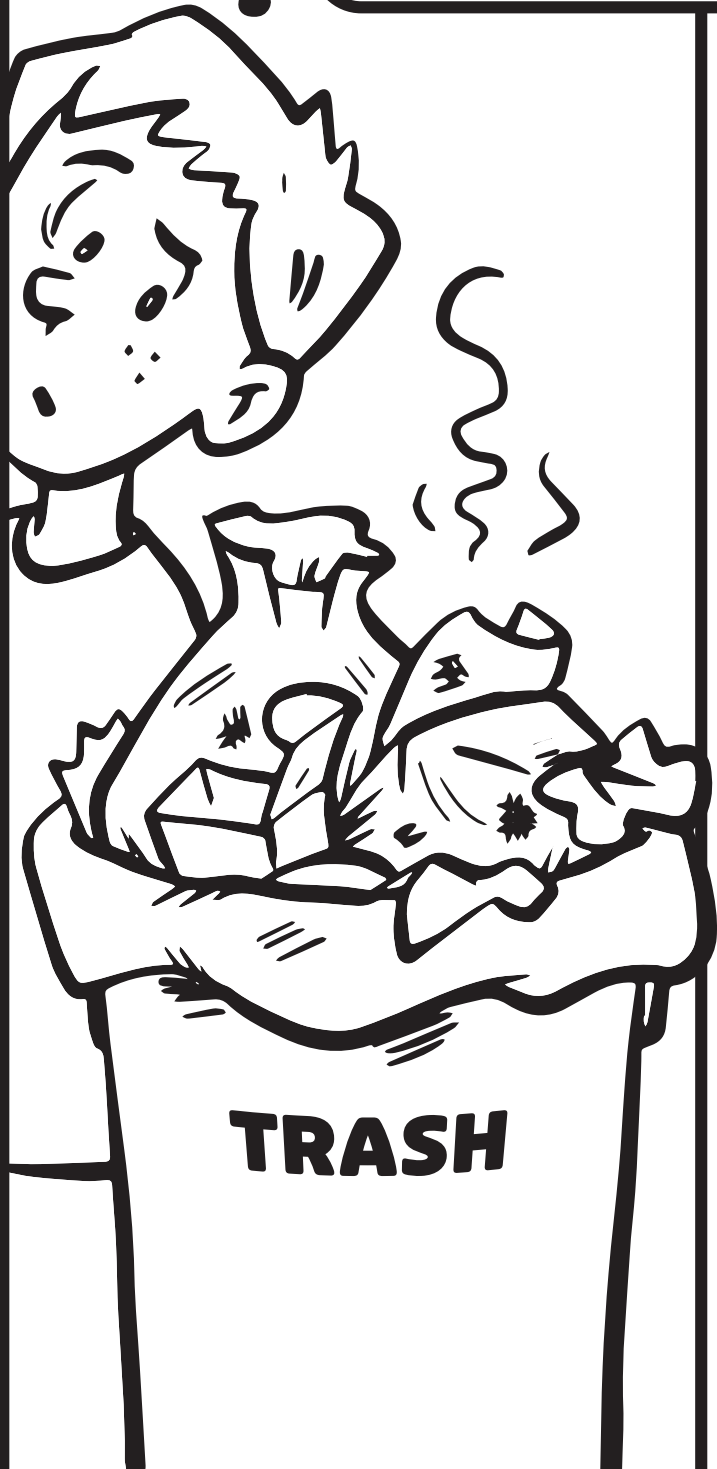
With the help of an adult, look up | John 3:18. Read through it together a few times.

Grab something to write with and paper. Summarize the verse by making a sign that says, "WORDS + LOVE = ACTION." Under the words, draw a picture of yourself showing someone else love by doing something for them.

KNOW that the words you speak and the actions you do reflect the love you have.

**Color the picture  
of the child taking  
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WEEK **2**  
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BOTTOM LINE: Don't wait for someone else to do what needs to be done.

Read Philippians 4:13

DAY  
**1**

## Taking Initiative? Check!

Think of a chore that you have at home. How many times do you have to be reminded to do your chore before you actually do it? This week, take initiative to do that task without being reminded. To help you remember, use the initiative chart below. As you do your job this week without being asked, place a check mark in the box.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

THANK God for giving you the power to do what needs to be done.

DAY  
**2**

## I Can!

With the help of an adult, look up this week's Bible verse: **Philippians 4:13**. Read through the verse a few times together.

After reading, play "I Can!" All you have to do is take turns giving "I Can" statements by saying the phrase out loud or you can act it out.

For example:

"I can make my bed!" "I can feed the dog!"

ASK God to give you strength to take initiative!

DAY  
**4**

## Review the Rebuild

With the help of an adult, look up this week's Bible story: **Nehemiah 2:11-18**. Read the story together and then answer the following questions out loud to review what you have learned.

1. When Nehemiah first arrived, how long did he stay in Jerusalem?
2. What was wrong in Jerusalem?
3. Was it Nehemiah's job to rebuild the wall?

KNOW that, just like Nehemiah, you can be the one to start something on your own that will help others.

Answers: (1) Three days. (2) The walls had been broken down and gates were destroyed by fire. (3) No, but he saw what needed to be done and took initiative to do it.

DAY  
**3**

## Prayer

It takes practice to be able to see what needs to be done around us, especially if it's not usually something we are used to doing. Pray that God can show you and give you opportunities to take initiative that will help someone else this week. Pray something like this:

"Dear God, I know that there are things that I can be doing for others around me. Please show me what I can do to help others and give me the strength to do what is right. I pray that I can take initiative this week. I love you, God. Amen"

LOOK for ways to take initiative by helping others.





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WEEK **3**  
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BOTTOM LINE: Don't wait for someone else to help people in need.

Read Matthew 7:12

DAY  
**1**

## Do For Others

With the help of an adult look up this week's verse: **Matthew 7:12**. Read through the verse together a few times. After you've read it together, try turning the verse into a song. You can make it go along to one of your current favorite tunes. Either way, make it fun and catchy so you won't forget how to treat others.

**ASK** God to make you aware of how you treat and talk to others so you can treat them how you'd want to be treated.

DAY  
**2**

## Initiative List

Use the space below to make a list of people outside of your family that you can help. Some people you might be able to help are elderly in your neighborhood, homeless in your town, or a kid in your school without many friends. What can you do for those people? Circle one person from your list and do something special for them this week!

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**KNOW** that you don't have to wait for others to start something. You can be the one to start it.

DAY  
**3**

## Pray for Open Doors

We can do little things that make a big impact in our neighborhood or community when we take initiative. Some things to do can be: going for a walk and picking up litter along the way or raking leaves for a neighbor. Pray and ask God to show you things that need to be done around you.

"Dear God, I pray You will give me the initiative to see things around me that need to be done and give me the willingness to do it. I want to be the type of person to start good things and finish them. I love You, God. Amen"

**LOOK** for ways that you can help others around you.

DAY  
**4**

## Action Steps

With the permission and guidance of an adult, choose another person from your initiative list and do something for that person! Plan a time and a day to be intentional about going out and doing something that you saw needs to be done! Write down what you're going to do and when you're doing to do it below:

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

"Do" Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK** God for giving you ways to take initiative to help others around you.



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WEEK **4**  
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**BOTTOM LINE:** Stay focused on what needs to be done.

Read Galatians 6:9

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**1**

## See it, Do It, Done!

Grab some sticky notes and get ready to work! This week, when you take initiative to do something stick a paper to it to show what you've done. For example, if you take the trash out, stick a note to it to the can to keep track of what you've done.

Adults: If you would like, have a goal for your child and when they reach their goal, give them a special treat.

**LOOK** for ways to do what needs to be done at home!

DAY  
**2**

## Draw on Good

With the help of an adult, look up **Galatians 6:9**. Read through it a few times together and then draw a picture of you doing something good! Use lots of detail in your picture and when you are finished find a friend or family member so you can explain your picture.

**KNOW** that doing good and staying focused will make you and others happy!

DAY  
**3**

## Pray for Focus

Like Nehemiah, sometimes things or people come into our days that take our focus off of what we should be doing. Pray and ask God to help keep you focused as you work towards taking more initiative in your life. Pray something like this:

"Dear God, Please help me to stay focused on the tasks set before me. Allow me to do well with them and show others how much I care. I love You, God. Amen."

**ASK** God to help you stay focused on the tasks ahead of you.

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**4**

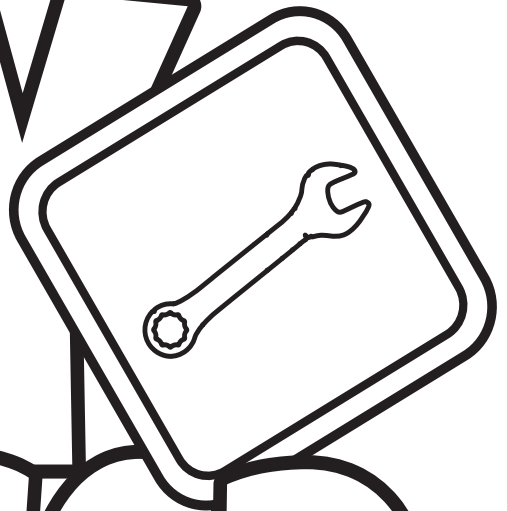
## Think through Distractions

We can get distracted when we are trying to do something good. But, we don't have to let it destroy our progress if we have tools to use to help us. Look at the list of ideas below of things you can do or say to remember when you are getting distracted while doing good. Talk through those things with an adult and circle the best one for you to put into action when needed.

- Recite your memory verse: Colossians 3:23a
- Turn off technology
- Stop and pray
- Grab a mint! Peppermint helps keep you focused.

**THANK** God for giving you opportunities to do good.

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WEEK **5**  
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**BOTTOM LINE:** Look for ways to celebrate what God has done. Read Psalm 135:3

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**1**

## Praise the Lord!

With the help of an adult look up the verse **Psalm 135:3**. Read it together a few times out loud. Talk through these questions: How can you praise the Lord? What makes Him good? What has He done for you that you can celebrate His goodness?

**THANK** God for allowing you to be part of His goodness! Praise His name today!

DAY  
**2**

## Celebrate Good Times!

Celebrate all the good things you did this month because of God! Grab a piece of paper and some writing utensils. Cut out a piece of paper in the shape of a party decoration (balloon, party hat, cake) and in that shape, write or draw all the good things that you did this month when you took initiative!

**ASK** God to give you the ability to keep taking initiative whenever you can!

DAY  
**3**

## Initiate a Dance Party!

Throw on some tunes and just celebrate God's goodness and all that He has done for you and through you this month! Grab some friends and family members, tell them what you're celebrating and **DANCE!**

Check out **Studio252.tv** for this month's song of the month.

**LOOK** for ways to continue celebrating God.

DAY  
**4**

## Take Initiative Forever!

This month, you practiced initiative and took things upon yourself to see what needed to be done and then doing it! That doesn't have to stop because the month is over! Pray to God and ask Him to give you the ability to keep going! Pray something like this:

"Dear God, Thank You for giving me so many opportunities to take initiative and help my friends, family, and others this month. Please help me to continue to take initiative every day. Allow me to show them Your love through my actions. I love You, God. Amen."

**KNOW** that showing initiative will always be a good idea.

