

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: INITIATIVE

FINISH LINE: Trust God and stand firm

SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 4

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

SUPPLIES: Dry erase board, mirror, dry erase marker, post it notes, memory verse cards from week one

SET UP: Write out the entire verse someplace everyone can see it. You could use the cards you made week one, write out the verse on post it notes, or use a dry erase board or mirror.

DIRECTIONS: After you've written it out, say the verse all together. Then start removing words from the verse. After you have removed 1-2 words, say it again. Keep repeating until all the words are gone but you can still say the verse from memory!

MEMORY VERSE: "In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:16

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW

SUPPLIES: A block of wood or a narrow object that is safe to stand on, a page with "God" written on it

DIRECTIONS: Have someone stand on the block of wood with one foot and with their eyes closed. (You could also have the person just try standing on one leg with his eyes closed.) It should be difficult for them to stay balanced. Time how long they can stand on it before they fall off. Next, hold up the sign that says "God" and have them try it again while looking at the sign. This should be a lot easier for them because they have something to focus on. Let each person have a chance to try and "Stand Firm."

WRAP UP: Was it easier to stand firm with your eyes closed or when you were focused on "God?" How do you think this relates to your life? Is it easier for you to STAND FIRM when you are by yourself or when you TRUST GOD? Why?