

## **INITIATIVE – Week 3 Skit**

**Definition:** Taking wise action without being told

**Verse:** MATTHEW 5:16 (NLT) – “In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

**Week 3:** Trust God and stand firm!

**Other Scriptures:** Nehemiah 4 (Nehemiah vs. his enemies)

**Characters –**

Nehi

Wally, the wall

**At Home Suggestions:**

- Choose an area in your house as the stage. This drama is about a talking wall, so remember to create a makeshift wall from things around your house, like maybe the cushions on your couch or something of the like!
- Nehemiah’s will have a sword to defend himself this week... if you don’t have a play sword, try using an umbrella, a broom, or even a lightsaber!

**Helpful Hints:**

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in **ITALICS**.
- Nehi’s catch phrase is “Zoinks!” He should snap his fingers or clap his hands or something fun every time he says the word – it’s pretty funny, so you can say it in this script as much as you want.

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**SFX: The Wall**

**Lights up**

*Nehi comes in reading blue prints up in his face and is paying attention to the wall. He’s working hard. Every once in a while he turns and looks over his shoulder and puts his hand on his sword. It’s like he’s hearing something strange or being followed, sort of a nervous feel. He’s working on the wall but keeping an eye out for enemies at the same time. Nehi turns around and sees kids.*

Nehi: Zoinks! *(with silly hand motion)* Good morning. I’m so sorry I didn’t see you there. Alright, well I’m hard at to work right now, we’ll talk later on. Good to see you again.

Nehi goes back to work, measures the wall, looks at the blueprints. Then he stops again and turns and puts his hand on his sword.

Wally: *(jumps up)* BOO!

Nehi: *(jumps back)* Wally!!! Woah, you scared me big time. *(chuckles)*

Wally: *(laughing, then stops)* Everything, ok, Nehi? You seem a little nervous...

Nehi: I'm just a little jumpy that's all.

Wally: Why?

Nehi: Well... because of where we're at in the story about rebuilding the wall... errr you... after we returned to Jerusalem from Exile. Let's just say, there were some people out there who didn't want us to put you back together... and they conspired with some others to try to stop us...

Wally: Conspired? That's a big word. What does it mean?

Nehi: It's when people decide to work together secretly, usually to do something hurtful to someone else.

Wally: Oh no, that doesn't sound good...

Nehi: It's not... and in this case, some people decided to work together to fight against us and try to stop us from building *you*.

Wally: But I thought you said that everyone agreed that building the wall was a good idea?

Nehi: No, I said that MOST people thought it was a good idea. Some of the people thought it was a silly idea and tried to stop us by attacking us.

Wally: So... is that why you are wearing a sword today?

Nehi: Yep. Back when we rebuilt you all those years ago, we also had a weapon ready to fight in case the bad guys tried to attack us. *(do a funny karate move here)*

Wally: Wow! That was a cool move.

Nehi: *(Bows comically)* I thank thee...

Wally: Wait a second... so you were rebuilding the wall with one hand AND holding a sword in the other so you were ready to fight?

Nehi: Well, some of us did. Those who were re-building the wall wore a sword at their waist like this *(pointing towards belt)* so they could reach for it quickly. But those who were carrying materials, carried them in one hand and their sword in the other... *(demonstrate)* I call it multitasking...

Wally: Well, I call it showing initiative... AGAIN! Even in those hard times you were **TRUSTING GOD and STANDING FIRM**. But can I ask... why didn't you just run away? Seems like maybe that would have been easier...

Nehi: Because God wanted us to re-build the wall, and we should do what he wants us to do... even when it's tough!

Nehi: You know what else, Wally?

Wally: What Nehi?

Nehi: People not only conspired to fight against us to keep us from building the wall, they also made fun of us and said we weren't doing a very good job building the wall.

Wally: What did they say?

Nehi: They said our wall was built so poorly that if a little fox decided to walk on the wall, that the wall would fall down!

Wally: Ohhh, that's pretty mean alright!

Nehi: I'm pretty sure if a fox were to walk on you Wally, you wouldn't fall down would you?

Wally: Nope, I think they were just trying to discourage you and keep you from re-building me.

Nehi: Well it didn't work, Wally! We were doing a great job building the wall. And hey, you're still looking really good, really solid! *(Kicks the wall like a tire)*

Wally: OUCH!! That's going to leave a mark!

Nehi: Oops. I'm sorry, Wally!

Wally: It's ok... so, I have a question. How did you keep the people who WERE working on the wall from being sad and discouraged?

Nehi: Well, the first thing we did was pray and ask God to help us do the right thing!

Wally: How did praying help?

Nehi: Well, it reminded the people and me that God is in control. He's got everything covered, so we can TRUST HIM and be faithful with what he wants us to do.

Wally: Way to **TRUST GOD AND STAND FIRM**, Nehi... that's what initiative is all about!

Nehi: Aww...shucks *(embarrassed)* thanks, Wally. Anyway, I better get going. I want to check on other parts of the wall and make sure everything is still holding up nicely. *(Nehi picks up blueprints again and heads off stage)* Well see you next week, Wally! Bye!

Wally: Bye, Nehi!

SFX: The Wall

Lights down