

INITIATIVE – Week 2 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 2: Listen to God and speak out!

Other Scriptures: Nehemiah 2:11 - 20 (Nehemiah inspects wall & speaks to Israelites)

Characters –

Nehi
Wally, the wall

At Home Suggestions:

- Choose an area in your house as the stage. Since the drama is about a talking wall, you may want to create a makeshift wall from the cushions on your couch or something of the like!
- Nehemiah’s working hard on the job, he needs some extra energy! Try adding a coffee cup to his costume this week.

Helpful Hints

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Don’t forget, Nehi says “Zoinks!” a lot. He should snap his fingers or clap his hands or something fun every time he says the word – it’s his own catch phrase.

SFX: Music cue – The Wall

Nehi comes back on stage and Wally’s head is not above the wall quite yet. Nehi comes up and is measuring things.

Nehi: Zoinks! (*jumps back, does silly hand motion with zoinks*), you guys snuck up on me again. Well I guess you made it all the way back here to Jerusalem to hear what happens next in our story. So, I was talking to Wally here last week and telling him about how I asked God if I could come fix the wall... errrr him.... in my hometown here of Jerusalem. Wally was really kind and said that I showed initiative because I followed God’s lead and stepped up to help. Anyway, the story isn’t finished yet! Wally doesn’t remember much because he was broken

down at the time, so I'm telling him the story of how God led us back to Jerusalem to re-build him, the city wall! *(walks up to a random part of the wall)* So, Wally... *(waits for a reply)* Wally? Marco....

Wally: *(hidden behind wall, still unseen)* Polo!

Nehi: Marco? *(Walking up and down length of wall trying to find Wally)*

Wally: *(hidden behind wall, still unseen)* Polo!

Nehi: Marco?

Wally: *(pops up behind Nehi in a different area from where Nehi is standing)* Polo!

Nehi: *(reacts comedically, scared)* Zoinks! Well, there you are, Wally.

Wally: Here I am!

Nehi: So, how was your week?

Wally: Not bad! Made friends with a few new birds that were passing through. They stopped to rest their wings for a bit and we did the usual small talk...

Nehi: You mean, like talking about the weather?

Wally: No! We talked about their favorite kinds of worms and the best trees to build nests in!

Nehi: Right, of course, silly me.

Wally: Did you have a good week?

Nehi: Sure did! Just inspecting all the work we've done and making sure everything is strong and safe.

Wally: Speaking of... you left me hanging.... or standing *(laughs, proud of his joke)* last week. What happened after you prayed to God for the king to be nice to you and give you the chance to come back and rebuild me?

Nehi: Well, one day the king and I were talking cause he could tell something was wrong with me, so after I said another quick prayer, I asked him if I could come back here to Jerusalem and rebuild the wall.

Wally: Woah! That must've been scary! Way to take initiative again.

Nehi: What do you mean, Wally?

Wally: Well, first you followed God's lead and stepped up for even praying for the opportunity to come back and re-build me to begin with. Then you **listened to God and spoke out**...because you asked the king if you could come back.

Nehi: Zoinks! You're right again, Wally, that was taking initiative! You know what else? God was super faithful and gave me favor with the king.

Wally: What do you mean by God gave you *favor*?

Nehi: Well, after I asked the king if I could come back home to rebuild you, I also asked him for the supplies to do so.

Wally: And he said yes?!

Nehi: Sure did! The king provided everything I needed to get you rebuilt!

Wally: That's awesome!

Nehi: Yeah, it really was!

Wally: So, Nehi, I have a question... why did you want to rebuild me in the first place?

Nehi: Well... because my people, God's people, weren't safe without you guarding them. Bad people and wild animals could come to our homes without you standing tall for protection.

Wally: Oh, that wouldn't have been very good...

Nehi: No, it would not have been.

Wally: So, what happened next? Did you tell the Israelites what you wanted to do? How did that go??

Nehi: Most of them thought it was a great idea and were willing to get going right away to rebuild you...

Wally: Most of them? Not everyone felt that way?

Nehi: No, some of them thought I was crazy for wanting to rebuild you. I tell you what, it sure didn't make our job that easy with people making fun of us.

Wally: What did you say to them?

Nehi: I told them that I was going to do what God wanted me to do...rebuild the wall, no matter what.

Wally: Well there you go again...taking initiative by **listening to God and speaking out**. You knew that what God wanted you to do was more important than what the people thought about it. Way to go!

Nehi: Thanks, Wally! Well hey, it was great talking to you again, but I better get going now. I need to go check on another part of the wall...errr...you...well, you know what I mean. I'll see you later, kids... come back next week for more of the story!

Wally: See you later, Nehi!

Lights fade

SFX: The Wall