

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: INITIATIVE

FINISH LINE: Worship God and celebrate His faithfulness

SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 6, 8-9

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

SUPPLIES: Ball to either toss or kick

EXPLAIN: All you need for this game is a ball. Say one phrase of the verse. Have your kid repeat the phrase with you. Then, toss (or kick) a ball back and forth. As you toss the ball, say one word of the phrase. Your kid will catch the ball and toss it back to you, saying the next word. Play again, varying who starts the phrase, until your kid knows the phrase by memory. Then, repeat this game with the next phrase of the verse and continue until you both know the whole verse!

Multiple kids? Stand in a circle and toss or kick a ball back and forth as you say the words. You can choose to have the whole group or individuals say the words with each pass.

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: Multicolored strips of paper, tape or a stapler, writing utensils

SET UP: Cut paper of different colors into 1" strips.

DIRECTIONS: Brainstorm with your kids about different things they can celebrate about God and His faithfulness. These things can be who He is, His character traits, what He has done, or whatever else you can think of. Make a list of everything that is shared. After you have a good list, work together to create a paper chain that will help you remember and celebrate God's faithfulness. Give everyone strips of colored paper and something to write with. On each strip write down one of the things from your list. After you get everything written down, loop the strips of paper together, connecting the ends of each strip with tape or staples, to make a chain.

WRAP UP: Hang your chain up someplace in your house so that you can be reminded of the Lord's faithfulness. Be sure to take time and pray together, thanking God for everything you wrote down. You could even throw an actual party to celebrate who God is and what He has done in your lives!