

INITIATIVE – Week 4 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 4: Worship God and celebrate His faithfulness.

Other Scriptures: Nehemiah 8-9 (Nehemiah & Israelites celebrate God’s faithfulness)

Characters –

Nehi

Wally, the wall

At Home Suggestions:

- Choose an area in your house as the stage. This drama is about a talking wall, Wally, and he is actually almost done being rebuilt! For the finale, make sure your makeshift wall is put together real nice!
- Grab Nehemiah’s sword again for this week, but also a broom, dustpan, and garbage can. He’s got some final touches and tidying up to do.

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.

SFX: The Wall

Lights up

Nehi comes out sweeping, wiping the wall down, sweeping some more. Take the lid off the trash can and grab the dustpan and act like you’re sweeping stuff into the dustpan and then dump it into the trash can and put the lid back on. Now go into a funny, long wind up to a sneeze and then sneeze.

SFX: Glass shattering happens right as he sneezes

Wally: God bless you!

Nehi: Zoinks! Well thanks, Wally! (*Acts out of breath*) (*Begins sweeping again and whistling happily*)

Wally: What are you so happy about? Oh wait! Is it because of where we're at in the story? We're almost to the end, right? I think I know what happens next!

Nehi: Let's see... where did we leave off last time? Do you remember? (*Points to Wally*) Oh! that's right... there were people who tried to stop us from rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem, but we trusted God and stood firm. We kept working while being ready to fight back (*karate chop*) against anyone who attacked us.

Wally: Man, that must have been scary. But I'm thinking things turned out ok???

Nehi: Well, you'll never guess what happened next, Wally, you'll never guess in a million years!

Wally: You finished re-building me??!

Nehi: Nope... we finished re-building you! (*questioning look*) Hey, you figured it out!

Wally: Well, since you're telling the story of how you rebuilt me, and I'm all put together now, I just used context clues.

Nehi: Way to go, Wally. And hey! We even got your gates all fixed back up.

Wally: Well, I'm grateful for your work for sure. Say... how fast did you and the Israelites put me back together?

Nehi: Believe it or not... it only took us 52 days, Wally! That's only (*does math out loud and writes with finger in air like you are doing an invisible math problem*) carry the one...7 weeks and three days. Can you say...ZOINKS?!

Wally: Well I couldn't be more proud of you, Nehi. You took the initiative to step up and speak out and stand firm while trusting God. And... I look fantastic if I do say so myself!

Nehi: Well, it was really important for my people, the Israelites, that we get you all fixed up to help protect us. But you know what else happened after we got you re-built? My friend, Ezra, stood up to read God's word to all the people. And they started worshipping God right then and there!

Wally: Woahhhh.... But wait, who was Ezra?

Nehi: Ezra was another Israelite who loved and followed God. And God used Ezra to speak to all the Israelites to not only remind them of God's love for His people, but also of His holy law – how He commanded them to live in a way that honored Him and was good for them.

Wally: How did the people respond when Ezra read the words of God to them?

Nehi: Oh, it was awesome... as Ezra read God's word, the people realized how they had sinned against Him. Do you know what sin is, Wally?

Wally: I've heard it's anything you think say or do that does not please God. Is that right?

Nehi: Yes, that's right! So after the people realized their sin, they wept, meaning they cried... a lot.

Wally: Well, that doesn't sound like an awesome time?

Nehi: But it was! You see, my people realized they had been wrong in how they had disobeyed God and forgotten Him. Their hearts were coming back to the Lord!

Wally: Well, that makes sense. When we read God's Word, God can use His word to change our hearts and help us be more like Him in how we treat others. Sounds like that was what God was doing.

Nehi: You're right, Wally! It was good for my people to see their sin and turn away from it and back to God. But... this wasn't a time for crying, this was a time for celebrating God's faithfulness! So you know what we did? We threw a party!

Wally: Oh, I hope there were party hats and those little horns that make a lot of fun noise.

Nehi: Zoinks! Well, I can tell you that we had some REALLY good food to share. Anyway, it was a good time for us to remember that the joy of the Lord is our strength.

Wally: Look at that! The work of re-building the wall was done, and you were still taking initiative by leading the people in **worshipping God and celebrating His faithfulness!**

Nehi: Well, we wouldn't have been able to do anything without God's strength and help. He was faithful to bring us back to Jerusalem, to protect us as we re-built, and to turn our hearts back to Him as we heard His word. There was a lot to celebrate! And of course, we have you, my friend, the best wall a person could ever want to protect their city.

Wally: Gee, thanks, Nehi! And thanks for telling me and everyone here the story of how you led the people in re-building me. We learned a lot about initiative from you. I mean, we learned to FOLLOW GOD'S LEAD AND STEP UP; to LISTEN TO GOD AND SPEAK OUT, to TRUST GOD AND STAND FIRM and finally to WORSHIP GOD AND CELEBRATE HIS FAITHFULNESS. Wow!

Nehi: Well, thank you all for listening. It was fun to remember all that God did! Welp, I'm about to head out for the day, but have a good one! Bye!

Wally: Ok, see ya later, Nehi! *(everyone says bye as he leaves; quieten kids down)* Well kids, this has been fun. I hope you've learned a lot from Nehi about what it looks like to take wise action without being told. Alright, I hope you have a great week of reading God's word and worshipping God. See you later. Bye...Bye... *(hides behind wall on stage)*

SFX: The Wall

Lights down