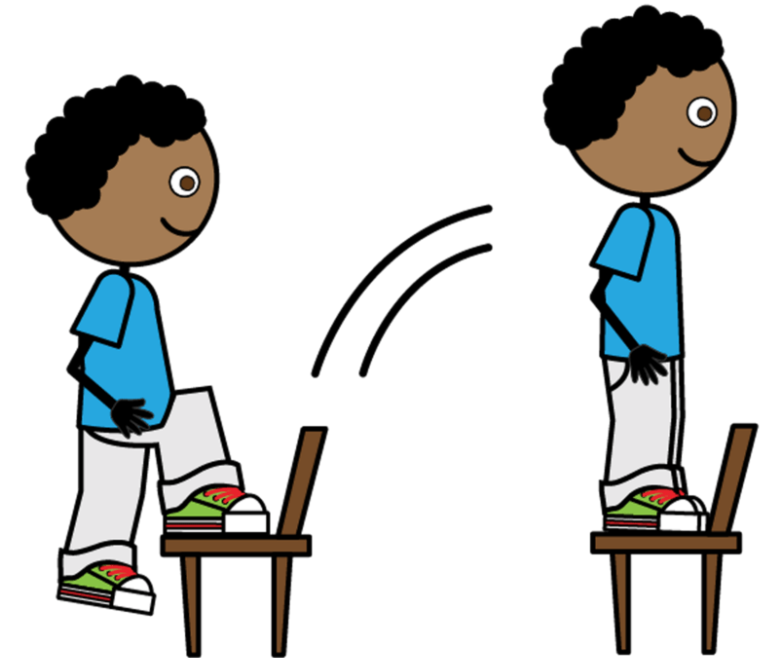
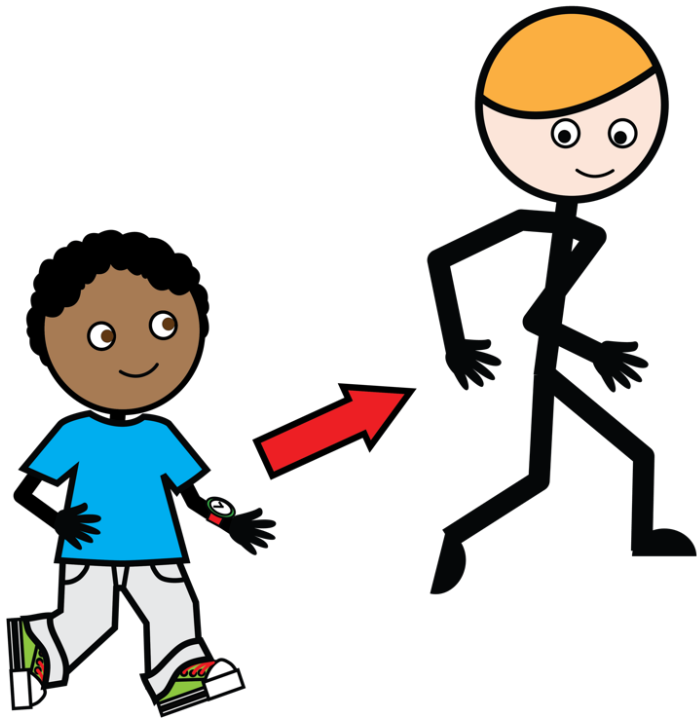


Initiative

Taking wise action without being told



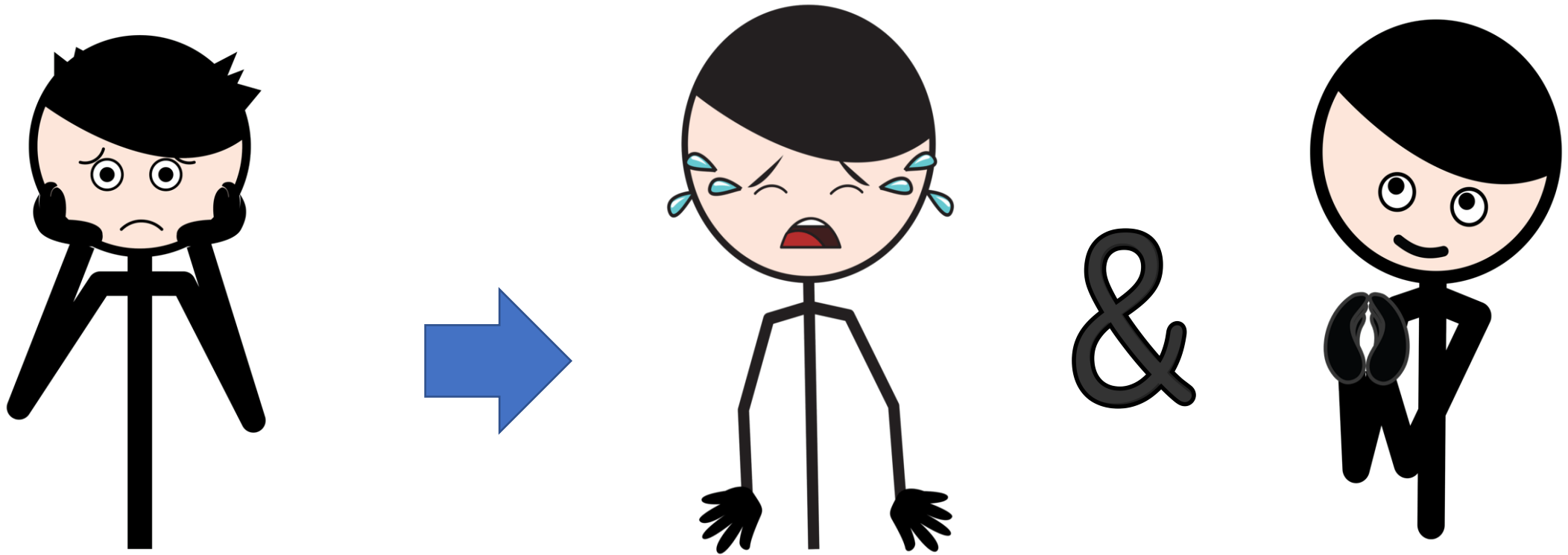
This Week's Finish Line:
Follow God's lead and step up



**Nehemiah was a Jew who was the cupbearer
to King Artaxerxes of Persia.
It was his job to give the king his wine.**



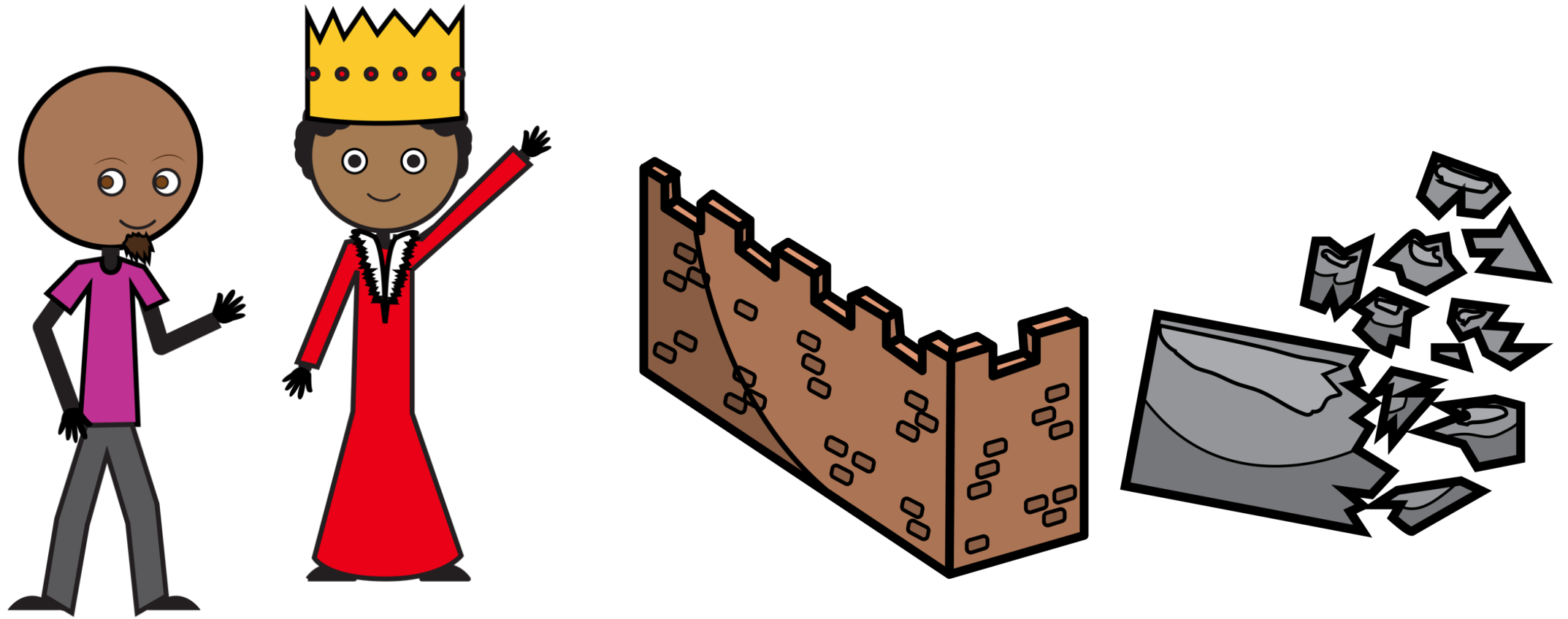
One day Nehemiah got terrible news. He heard that the walls of the city he loved, Jerusalem, were broken down. His people were not safe.



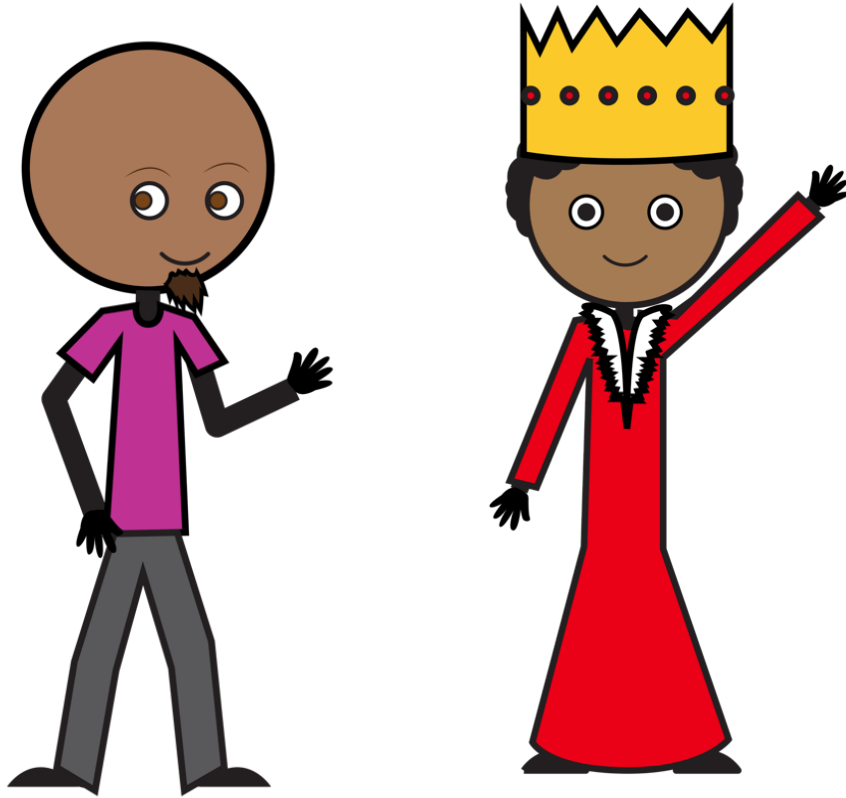
**This news made Nehemiah so sad.
He sat down and cried and prayed. He begged God for
a way to help the people rebuild the walls.**



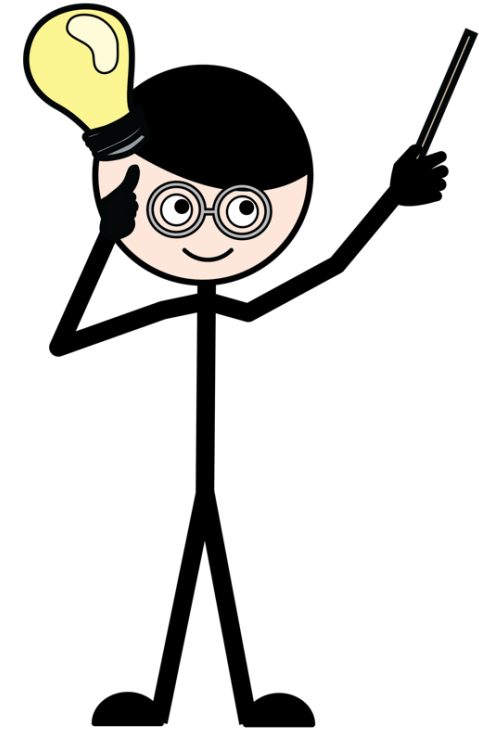
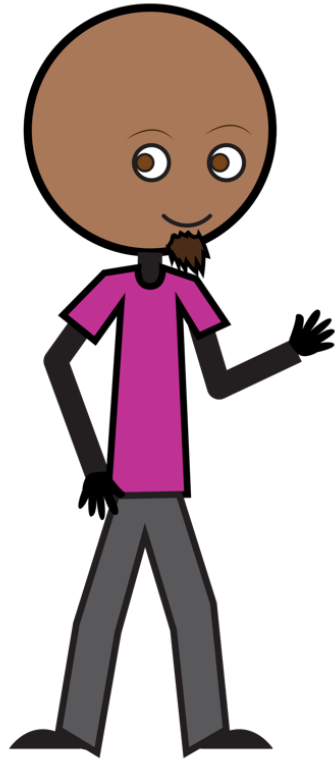
**One day, when Nehemiah served the king,
he had a sad face.**



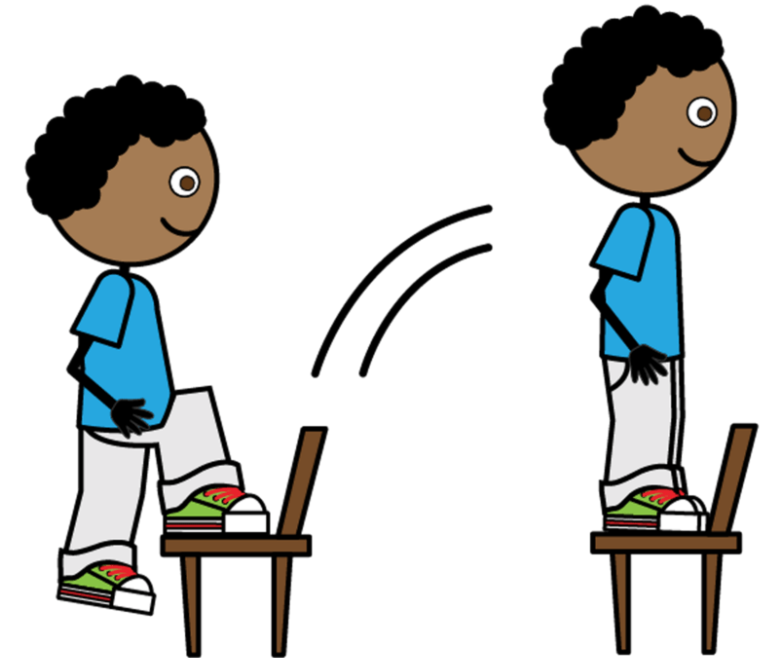
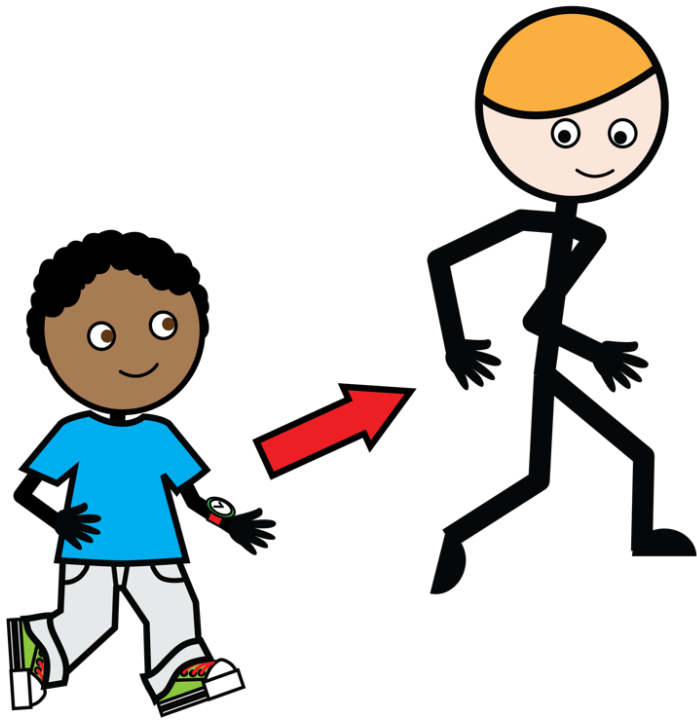
**The king asked Nehemiah what was wrong.
Nehemiah prayed to God and then told the king about
the broken walls and asked if he could go fix them.**



**The king listened to Nehemiah and then said yes!
The king told him to go and rebuild the walls.**



**Nehemiah followed God's lead, stepped up,
and took wise action to help God's people.**



Follow God's lead and step up.