

# ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

**CHARACTER TRAIT:** INITIATIVE

**SCRIPTURE:** Nehemiah 2:11-20

**FINISH LINE:** Listen to God and speak out

## ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

**SUPPLIES:** Sidewalk chalk

**DIRECTIONS:** Write out the entire verse outside on the driveway or sidewalk using chalk. Instead of writing out every single word, feel free to turn some of the words into pictures. Then have others try to read the verse and figure out what words the pictures stand for.

**OPTIONAL:** Turn your verse in to a hopscotch game. Practice saying the words to the verse as you hop from one word or picture to the next.

**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: CHARADES

**SUPPLIES:** Pieces of paper and writing utensils

**SET UP:** Make a set of charade cards by writing or drawing pictures of ways you can take initiative and show God's love to others. (Examples: Wash the dishes, pick up trash, decorate cupcakes, play with a neighbor, give a gift, etc.)

**DIRECTIONS:** Place the charade cards in a bowl. Have a person grab one of the cards and act it out until someone else can SPEAK OUT the action written on the card. Keep going until you have acted out all of the cards.

**WRAP UP:** After you are finished playing, talk about ways you can listen to God. God gives us instructions of how to love and serve others through His Word and His people. Spend time thinking about how you can speak out about God like Nehemiah did. Brainstorm one way you can share a truth about God with someone else this week.