



# Family Discussion Guide

GODLY CHARACTER // WEEK 3

TAKE INITIATIVE

## The Verse

James 4:17 NLT

*Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.*

## The Point

Godly character takes initiative.

## Family Activity Directions

### High Five! // You'll Need

- Hand activity sheet (1 per child)
- Markers

### To Do

1. **Give** kids a Hand activity sheet.
2. **Say** the Verse (James 4:17) out loud together.

**Ask:** What are some things you know you OUGHT to do?

3. Kids **answer**.
4. **Help** kids if they need suggestions.
  - Help my family around the house
  - Help kids who are younger than me
  - Say kind, respectful words to my parents
  - Choose shows and books that are good for me
  - Show love all the time
  - Work hard at school
  - Pray for others when they need it
  - Fix a problem when I see it
5. Kids **draw** or **write** one thing they know they ought to do in each finger on the Hand activity sheet.
6. Kids **write** "Take Initiative" on the palm of the hand.

### Bonus

1. Kids **color** their sheets.
2. Kids **share** what they drew or wrote on their Hand activity sheet.

## CHOOSE BEST QUESTIONS TO ASK

### Get Everyone Talking

1. **What was your favorite thing that happened on the Konnect Space Station this week?**
2. **Clint's Jupiter flytrap needed jellybeans to survive. If you survived on candy, which kind would you pick?**

### Check For Understanding

1. **What kind of character is the Konnect crew learning about?** *The kind that describes who you are on the inside.*
2. **What happens when your choices show godly character?** *My godly character will shine a light so others can see what Jesus is like.*
3. **What does initiative mean?** *When there's something you should do, you do it.*
4. **Say James 4:17 together with the motions. Why do you think it's a sin when you don't do what you know you should?** *It's disobedient, selfish, and can even hurt others.*
5. **In the Bible, why was it important for Nehemiah to take initiative and lead the people to rebuild Jerusalem's wall?** *When the walls were rebuilt, the enemies couldn't get in, and the people were safer.*
6. **Think about the activity. If you do what you wrote, how will it help others?** *Answers will vary.*
7. **Jesus saw a problem: our sin separates us from God. How did He show initiative to fix the problem?** *Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins.*

### Apply To This Week

1. **Look at the hand you made earlier. Which thing do you need God's help with the most?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Sometimes we don't feel like doing what we ought to do. What can you do when you feel that way?** *Ask for God's help, talk to a trusted friend or adult and ask them to help you out, say James 4:17 to yourself, etc.*

**Pray:** Jesus, Thank You for taking the initiative to save us from our sins. Please build godly character in me so I can take initiative and do what I ought to do, too. In Jesus' name, amen!