

Initiative is seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

Read: Galatians 6:2



DAY
1

What Is Needed?

Sometimes we need to look around for what is needed instead of being asked. Look around your house—what do you see that someone needs to do? Show others you care about them by taking care of something on your own. If you need help figuring out what to do, ask your adult for a short list today. Then, throughout the week, look for ways to check things off the list.

LOOK for ways to help without being asked.

DAY
2

Who Needs You

Who needs you? Think of a way that you can help someone outside of your house. Think of a neighbor or friend at school. Next, pick one of the following ways you can help them: you can talk, create, play, or pray for them. What will you do?

KNOW that you can help someone else.

DAY
3

Carry Others

Galatians 6:2 tells us to carry one another's heavy loads. Read Galatians 6:2 and act out different ways you can do this.

ASK God to help you be there for others.

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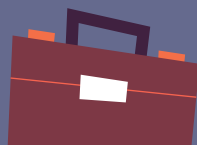
Helping Hand

Pray and ask God to help you see others' needs.

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 "Dear God, help me to see the needs of those around me. Show me what to do to show I care and love them. Amen."  
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THANK God for helping you see others' needs.

Look for ways to help the people you love.





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DAY 1

Read Colossians 3:23a

We all have big jobs that have to get done. Sometimes the hardest part is staying focused on the task in front of us. It's easy at times to let distractions get the best of us.

Draw or write some things that distract you in the space below.

What if we decided to think differently about WHY we're working? What if think about every single job as if we're working for God? Even if no one else sees or notices what you've done, God does! God sees everything you do! God is so pleased when you finish what you start and get the job done with excellence.

Circle your number one distraction from above. Each time this particular distraction shows up, repeat today's verse and ask God to help you look for ways to help the people you love instead.

DAY 2

Read Ephesians 4:32

Have you ever helped someone and then that someone didn't say "thank you"? Maybe they didn't even notice that you helped them at all? It's kind of annoying to help and then not even get the credit, isn't it?

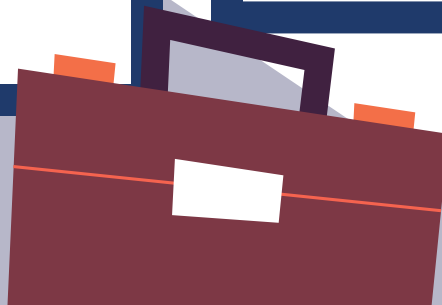
Think again.

When you stop to help, the helping isn't really for the payoff. You help, you show kindness, and you forgive because of God. When you choose to stop what you're doing and help someone else, you're really reflecting on what God has done for you.



God Is...

Grab a piece of paper, a pencil, and some kind of timer. Set it for 5 minutes. In that time, write down all the things you love about God. Write down things that are true about God and things God has done. Then read through your list as a prayer, giving thanks for all God has done. Ask God for help as you make a commitment to look for ways to help the people you love.



DAY 3

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:13

6:45am. . .

Your mom wakes you up and reminds you to complete your morning routine (get dressed, brush your teeth, make your bed, etc.). You throw on your clothes and head downstairs. But there's no bowl of cereal waiting for you. Why? You didn't make your bed or brush your teeth. There's a new rule in your house: if you don't finish your tasks, the kitchen is officially closed. Sounds like some tough love, huh?

When your mom asks you to do something, do you ignore her or do it halfway? When there's a job to be done, don't wait for Mom, Dad, or someone else to do it. Ask God to help you show initiative as you look for ways to help the people you love.

One Thing

Write one task your parent does each week that you could take over, and for an entire week, challenge yourself to complete it without being asked.

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DAY 4

Read 1 John 3:17

Do you have a brother or sister, or a close friend or neighbor? When was the last time you helped them? This verse is pretty clear about what we should do when we see someone in need. If we choose to help, we're showing others the love of God. If we don't, it's like holding up a big sign that says, "There's no love in me."

When it comes to taking care of people who need help, we have to remember to show initiative. It's not enough to notice the need. We need to show others GOD's love by pitching in to help out family or friends.

Name five things you do on a regular basis to help someone in your family or a friend. If you can't think of five, leave the lines blank and ask God to show you new ways to help this week. without being asked.

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Look for ways to help the people you love.

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



Journaling lines for the first question.

Journaling lines for the second question.



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

Visit cornwallchurch.com/children to watch this week's Bible story.

1. You liked:

Journaling line for 'You liked'

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

2. You learned:

Journaling line for 'You learned'

3. You'd like to know:

Journaling line for 'You'd like to know'

Day 2

Read Exodus 2:1-10

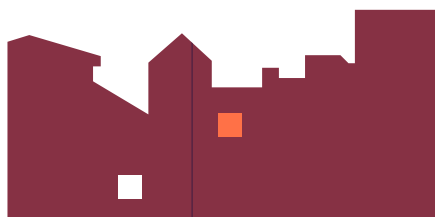
Before you read Exodus 2:1-10, you need a little backstory. The Egyptians had enslaved the Israelites because the Egyptian king feared the Israelites, or Hebrews, were growing too big. But they continued to grow in number, so the king ordered that any baby boy born to an Israelite woman must be put to death immediately. But the people stood against his orders, so then he demanded that all the Hebrew baby boys be thrown into the Nile River.

Now, read Exodus 2:1-10.

Who do you see in this passage that is taking initiative?

A better question might be, is there anyone who's NOT taking initiative in this passage?

Every single woman who saw a need—a baby who needed protection. . . a baby who needed his mom to feed him. . . a baby who had been left in the river and needed someone to care for him—did something about it. Notice how they each saw a different need and used what they had to meet that need—pretty cool!



Day 3

Sometimes we need God's help to see the needs around us.

Pray this prayer:

"Dear God, thank You so much for seeing my needs and meeting them. Not only did you send Jesus to be my Savior, but you've put so many wonderful people in my life who have helped me when they see my needs. I want to do the same for others. Please show me who around me needs help and give me wisdom as to how I can best help them. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen."

Who do you see that needs your help?

Now spend a couple of minutes writing down any needs that come to mind inside the glasses. Then hang this picture somewhere that will remind you to pray for these people and their needs—and then to do something about it.

Day 4

Who do you see that needs your help?

In Exodus 2:10, we saw how each woman in the story saw a different need. Sometimes we need to see things the way other people see them—we might be missing needs that others see!

Today, ask the people that you love for help seeing who might need YOUR help. For example, you could ask your dad if he sees any needs that your mom has. You could ask your guardian if there's something your grandparent needs help with. You could ask your best friend if anyone in his family could use your help—you could work together to help them.

And of course, don't just talk about it. **Go and do something about it!**



Day 5

Look for ways to help the people you love.

Grab a sheet of paper and make two columns. In the first one, make a list of all of the places you go on a typical school day. If you don't do much besides go to school, then get detailed about the different classes and activities you go to. Then, keep adding to the list some places you typically go on the weekends. And don't forget all the time you spend at home too.

Then in the second column, think about each place and who will be there that could use your help (e.g., your favorite art teacher who needs brushes cleaned, the friend on crutches who needs help carrying books, etc.). And of course, don't forget about the people you love the most—be sure to include your family members and closest friends.

Keep this list with you as a reminder this week of the ways you can help the people you love. And as you see more needs, you can add them to the list—just be sure you move to action and do what needs to be done!