Initiative
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SAY IT:
Initiative means seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

KNOW IT:

ASK A KID:
• Describe a time you solved a problem on your own.
• Ask yourself, are you good at coming up with solutions to problems?
• Have you ever heard of the phrase “go getter”? Discuss this analogy with your teacher at school or your parents at home. Ask them what things you could do to earn this title.

ASK A GROWN UP:
• How do you show initiative at home or at work?
• What are some examples of showing initiative at home or in your relationships with others? What are some things that you do regularly to show initiative?

SEE IT:
The year 2020 saw many private citizens, organizations, and charities across the world helping others. People across the globe pitched in to conquer the constantly evolving problems associated with the coronavirus pandemic. We witnessed people sewing masks and donating them and other personal protective equipment (PPE) to medical offices and hospitals. We witnessed organizations take donations to local food banks to feed those in need. We witnessed people donate their blood to help scientists study the way the virus affected individuals. First responders stepped up in a big way to help keep people healthy and safe. The year was a trying time, certainly one that won’t ever be forgotten; however, it was a great testimony to the way in which humankind saw a great need and did something about it.

BE IT:
As a family, sit down and discuss things that need to be done at home. What are some needs in the family? Examples might include home improvements, cleaning out closets and donating old clothes and shoes, fixing car issues, resolving relationship issues, etc. Make a goal each week to identify a need and do something about it. Come to the table once the week is finished and discuss ways that each member demonstrated initiative.
At every age, kids need significant relationships.

The significant relationships in a child’s life include parents, teachers, relatives, coaches, and spiritual leaders.

As a parent, you can encourage these relationships as a way to ensure that other trusted adults are surrounding your kids with the same messages and advice that you would.

So don’t miss it. This year, this month, today is just a Phase!