



LESSON

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FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP TIME

Initiating Heart: Doing Good Without Being Told

Objective: Students learned how doing good without being told helps us become more like Jesus.

Bible Verse: Ecclesiastes 2:26 *"If people do good and please (their) God, He will give them wisdom, knowledge, and joy."* (ERV)

Bible Story: Jesus Initiates a Conversation with the Samaritan Woman (John 4:4-26)

Action Steps:

- 1. Bible Time:** As a family, read *Jesus Initiates a Conversation with the Samaritan Woman*, and talk about how Jesus had an initiating heart by talking to a woman, so He could show her His love.
- 2. Scripture Memory:** Practice singing or reciting the memory verse each day as a family.
- 3. Practice:** Tell your children that you are going to play a game where you will try to "catch" them doing something good without you asking, such as cleaning up toys after playing, using kind words, or sharing toys. Consider reinforcing some of these behaviors with a special treat. Pray together as a family that God will give you initiating hearts to do good without being told. **Place stickers or checkmarks next to INITIATING on your Character Trait Sticker Chart every time you catch your children displaying an initiating heart.**
- 4. Model:** Demonstrate an initiating heart by doing things for your kids before they ask you for help and tell them you were practicing having an initiating heart! Children will pick up character traits more easily when they see a good model from parents! ☺