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They are quick to tell us something needs to be done, then go about doing something else—expecting someone else to take care of the situation. It's not that our kids are ungrateful or lazy. Maybe they've just never been invited to help or don't understand they can take initiative to do it themselves.

Here are four ways to teach kids to take more initiative:

### 1. MODEL IT

When it comes to kids, they often need help making connections between what they see and what they can do about it. When we talk about the ways we're taking initiative, our kids see it in action and can learn how to take initiative in their own lives.

### 2. LET THEM DO IT

Kids can do more than we expect. If they come to you with a problem, help them think through how they could follow through and solve the problem. Then, let them do it. It might not be perfect, but at least they're learning what it means to see something and

do something about it. Empower your kids to know they have what it takes to get the job done.

### 3. BE PREPARED

Think through the things in your house to give your kids a chance to help, like a cleaning kit in each bathroom. If your kids know they have access to what it takes to complete a job, they're more likely to do it on their own.

### 4. PRAISE THE EFFORT NOT THE RESULT

Just because they're doing the job doesn't mean they're always going to get it perfect. If we get mad or frustrated at them for how they do a job, they may not want to risk taking initiative another time. Celebrate them for doing something they saw needed to be done.

Research shows that kids who demonstrate initiative are more successful in the long run. They get better grades, get in less trouble, and show increased resilience when faced with difficulty. The more we can help our kids learn the valuable lessons of initiative while they are young, the more prepared they'll be to face the world when they grow up.

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