



Service

LENDING A HAND TO
HELP SOMEONE ELSE

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READ MARK 10:45

DAY 1

Which of these people would you expect to serve others? Circle them.

Waiters

Kids

Fire fighters

Doctors

Kings

Soldiers

Bus drivers

Parents

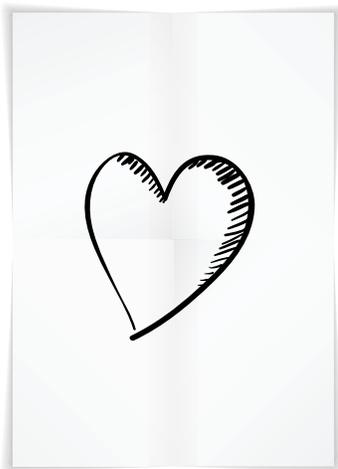
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That was kind of a trick question—because you should have circled them all! Whether you're a king, a princess, a waiter, a doctor, or "just a kid," you can serve others. The King of Kings, the Savior of the world, humbled himself, so there's no reason WE can't serve others!

THANK Jesus for coming to serve us by becoming our Savior!

READ 1 JOHN 4:19

DAY 2



God loved us first, so we can love others by showing them what God's love looks like!

Grab a sheet of paper and tear off a small corner. Using a pencil, draw a heart, coloring it in as darkly as you can. Then take the piece of paper with the heart to the sink and wet the back of it. Press the piece of paper down on the back of your hand, and hold it tightly for a few seconds. Peel it off, and voila! You'll have a temporary tattoo of a heart to remind you that you can love and serve others just like God first loved and served you!

KNOW that we can share the love God has shown us to others!

READ JOHN 15:12-13

DAY 3

Jesus served the disciples by washing their feet, but that was not even close to the biggest act of service He would perform. Eventually, Jesus would serve all of humanity by dying on the cross to pay the price for our sins. Thankfully, we don't have to give up our lives to serve each other, but we may have to give up other things, like . . .



First place in line

Our time

Our money or toys

The biggest piece

Draw a picture to illustrate the thing that might be hardest for you to give up to serve someone else.

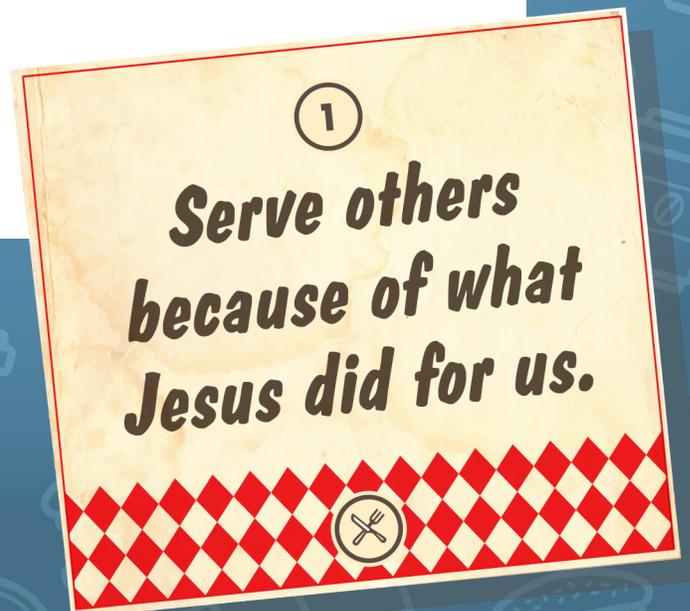
ASK God to help you give up whatever it takes to serve others well.

READ GALATIANS 6:2

DAY 4

When Jesus died on the cross for us, He took on our sin, and paid the price for it. We can't carry the load of others' sin, but we can help them carry other things that are hard. Whether it's actual things they are carrying (like helping your parent bring in the groceries or take the trash outside), or doing something to lighten their load in other ways, like helping your sibling with their chores or taking time to cheer them up when they're having a bad day. Walk around your house for a minute and find something that someone else is carrying, and take that load from them.

LISTEN and look for ways you can serve others like Jesus served you.



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WEEK
2
K-5TH GRADE

READ ISAIAH 58:10

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Have you ever been really hungry before? So hungry you got grumpy? You may have even said, "I'm starving!" But were you ACTUALLY starving? Probably not. Thankfully most of us won't experience true starvation. However, there are people in our country and around the world who truly may go hungry if someone doesn't help them. Thankfully there are food pantries in your community that provide food for people who are truly hungry. With your parents' permission, either raid your own family's pantry or make a grocery list for some items you can buy and donate to a food pantry this week!

ASK God to take care of and provide for the person who will receive your food.

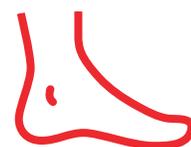
READ EPHESIANS 2:10

DAY 2

We were made to serve! That means our ears were meant to hear others' needs, our eyes were meant to see others' needs, our feet were meant to take us to others in need, and our hands were meant to help them!

Today, keep your eyes and ears open to listen and look for a need that you can meet. Then use your feet and hands to meet the need.

LISTEN and look for ways to serve others.



READ ROMANS 12:10-13

DAY 3

In order for you to share with people who are in need, first you need to see their need. Sometimes that means we have to get outside of our normal routines, meet people other than our regular friends and peers, and look for people who we can serve. Then again, sometimes people who need our help are right under our noses. But we'll never know if we aren't looking for ways to serve others, which often means we need to stop focusing on ourselves and what we want.

Take a dry erase marker and make a big  symbol on your bathroom mirror. Leave it up for a few days to remind yourself that sometimes you need to stop looking at yourself and what you need, and look for ways to serve others.

KNOW that you have to look at someone besides yourself to find ways you can serve others.



READ 1 JOHN 3:18

DAY 4

Have you ever looked at someone in need and felt bad for them, but not done anything about it? If so, you haven't shown them love, have you? Love isn't a feeling; it's an action. And when you serve others, you're showing them REAL love!

See how many ways you can serve others today using this list as a guide!

Set the table for dinner.

E-mail, text or call someone with some encouragement.

Run ahead of someone to hold the door for them.

Visit a grandparent, older relative, or friend and help them around the house.

Eat with someone who is sitting alone.

LISTEN God to help you continue to look for ways to serve others.



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WEEK
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K-5TH GRADE

READ LUKE 3:10-11

DAY 1

- Books
- Stuffed animals
- Video games
- Puzzles or board games
- Small toys
- Shirts
- Shorts or pants
- Pajamas
- Canned goods
- Cereal and crackers

Time to take inventory! If you've got one, grab a clipboard (if not, a hardcover book will work). Grab a blank sheet of paper and a pen. Walk around your house and taken inventory of how many things you have from the list to the left.

Were you surprised by how much you had? Did you see any areas where you could probably get by with less? Talk with a parent about how you might be able to share what you have extra of with someone else this week.

THANK God for how He has provided more than you need.

READ PROVERBS 3:27

DAY 2

What are some things that sometimes hold you back from serving others? Put a check by any that apply.

Now, go back and circle the ones that are legitimate and understandable excuses.

What did you circle? Hopefully nothing! The truth is nothing should keep us from serving others when God has given us what we need to help others.

- Laziness
- Tired
- Don't want to
- Don't feel able
- Too busy
- Don't think they deserve it

ASK God to help you overcome any obstacles that keep you from serving others

READ GALATIANS 5:13

DAY 3

Unscramble the list below of some things we're required to do:

One thing that's interesting about serving others is that you don't have to do it. No one is going to come to your house and force you to give things away, do chores that aren't on your list, or even do simple things like holding the door open for someone else. But just because you're not required to do it, doesn't mean you shouldn't do it. In fact, that makes serving even more awesome, because it's done out of love instead of force.

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KNOW that the freedom you have empowers you to serve others.

(Answers: Go to school, homework, obey the law)

READ HEBREWS 13:16

DAY 4

There's a reason why the author of Hebrews says, "Don't forget to . . ." It can be easy to forget that we should be serving others, especially when we forget to be grateful for all God has blessed us with. When we start with gratitude for all that we've been given, we will naturally be more generous to share with others.

Write the word share on your knuckles with a non-permanent marker (one letter on each finger, starting with your thumb). Every time you see the word SHARE, remember that doing kind things and sharing the things you have with others is a great way to serve them.

ASK God to help you have a generous spirit to share what you have with others.

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Use what
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serve others.

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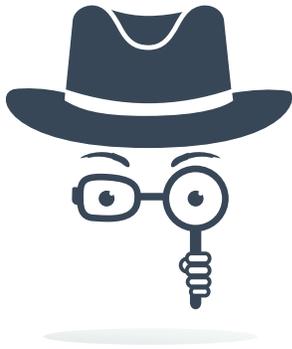
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READ PHILIPPIANS 2:4

DAY 1



Have you ever done something nice just so everyone would see you do it and think you're awesome? Or maybe you didn't do it for everyone to see, but you certainly wanted the person you were serving to notice. If we're being honest, probably all of us have done that at some point.

Today, put on your undercover detective hat (imaginary, of course), and try to serve as many people as you can without them or anyone around them seeing. You'll probably find you have one of your best days ever when you serve others in secret.

KNOW that serving in secret is actually more fun than seeking applause!

READ MATTHEW 5:16

DAY 2

Matthew 5:16 may seem like it's contradicting what we're talking about this month. If we let our light shine so others can see it and see the good things we do, isn't that the opposite of serving in secret? Sort of, but the difference is in our intention. If we are serving others for praise and trying to draw attention to the good things we are doing so people will think we are awesome, that's not good. If people notice what we are doing, and we make sure they know we're serving others because God served us first, that's awesome! It shows others how Jesus has changed our lives, and it might make them want to know more about the God we serve!

Draw a line to the words that are opposites.

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| Secret | Boos |
| Attention | Criticism |
| Cheers | Silence |
| Applause | Ignore |
| Praise | Public |

ASK God to give you a heart that seeks glory for Him and not for yourself.

READ MATTHEW 6:3

DAY 3

Grab a special treat for yourself and a friend. Show the friend the treat in your hand, then put it behind your back and move it back and forth. Have your friend guess which hand it's in—left or right! If they guess correctly, they win the treat! If they don't guess correctly, they still win the treat!

Read Matthew 6:3 again. It may seem silly to think about your each of your hands knowing what the other is doing, but it doesn't literally mean your hands. Matthew is just saying we shouldn't go around bragging to other people when we are serving others in need. Hide your acts of service as well as you hide candy behind your back!



KNOW that no one needs to know when you serve someone in need.

READ COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

DAY 4

Before you read Colossians 3:23-24, use the code below to read this secret message:

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Here's the good news, even when you serve in secret, it's never really a secret. God sees everything, and He knows when you are lending a hand to help someone else. Nothing makes Him happier than when His children love each other and serve each other like He served us.

KNOW that God sees when you lend a hand to help someone else!



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