



SERVING THROUGH THE PHASES

You can help your **PRESCHOOLER** know God's love by helping them serve.

CHORE CHART. Create a chore chart and use stickers to mark off each task as it's completed. Be sure to add a few chores that usually belong to someone else. Explain how important it is to show love by doing things for other people without being asked.

FLOWER BOUQUET. Go outside and have your child pick a bouquet of flowers. Leave two flowers randomly on people's doorsteps with a note to keep one and give the other to someone else.

SING-A-LONG. Teach your preschooler some fun songs and take them to an assisted living facility to sing for the elderly.

TOY DROP. Take your child to a discount store and buy a bucket of pool toys. Take it to the pool and leave it there, inviting anyone to enjoy the toys.

GET WELL SOON CARDS. Have your child make a stack of cards and take them to a nearby nursing home or hospital. Have them pray for each person who will receive the cards before dropping them off.

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS. Help your child create a friendship bracelet for someone. Bonus points if that someone is going through a hard time, or maybe doesn't have many friends.

HOMEMADE COOKIES. Bake cookies and take them to your local fire and/or police station. Include a thank you card with a drawing by your preschooler.

BOOK DONATIONS. Have your child gather several gently used books and take them to the library to donate them.

LEMONADE STAND. Set up a lemonade stand and donate all of the proceeds to a local charity or church.



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ELEMENTARY

You can help your **ELEMENTARY** student trust God's character by helping them serve.

COMPLIMENT CARDS. On a set of index cards, help your elementary student write honest compliments about teachers, friends, or family members. Then have them distribute them at random times.

MAIL DELIVERY. Have your child write a thank you note to your mail carrier and leave it in the mailbox.

SECRET MISSION. Get a manila envelope and label it "Top Secret Mission." Inside, have a list with several random acts of kindness for your child to complete. Give them a check mark for each one they complete.

GIVE, SAVE, SPEND. Give your child some chores to do to earn money. Teach them how to give first, save next, and spend the rest by buying three buckets at a discount store and labeling them.

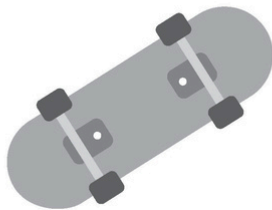
CAR WASH. Buy the supplies to wash cars and escort your elementary-schooler around the neighborhood, washing cars for free (after you get permission, of course!).

OUTFIT RESCUE. Have your child pick out a few outfits to take to school and donate to the resource center/counseling office. Often, they use extra outfits when kids have an emergency or accident.

SIDEWALK NOTES. Buy some sidewalk chalk and have your child write inspiring or encouraging phrases on neighbors' driveways. It'll wash off with the next rain, but it will bring a smile to someone's face.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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You can help your **MIDDLE SCHOOL** student love God, love others, and love life by helping them serve.

WINDOW TREATMENT. Give the kids some cleaning supplies (brooms, mops, cloths) and send them out into the neighborhood, cleaning the porches and windows of everyone's homes.

BOOK BUDDIES. Find a younger kid who your student can connect with on a regular basis. They can read, play games, do homework, or just hang out. Discuss how important it is to be a good influence on the next generation.

PET SHOP. Contact a local animal rescue group and ask them what supplies they need—food, pet toys, etc. Then purchase and deliver the items. If possible, spend some time playing with the rescued dogs and cats.

QUARTER CHALLENGE. Have your kid earn or find quarters and take them to an arcade or store and tape them to machines for people to randomly use.

SERVING JAR. Get a mason jar and a bag of small rocks. Each time someone in your family serves, celebrate by adding a rock to the jar. When it's full, celebrate each other's hearts by doing something fun like going to a movie or getting frozen yogurt.

GARBAGE DAY. On garbage day, have your kid pull all the garbage cans back to people's homes. (After they're emptied, of course!)

PARK PICK UP. Grab some gloves and trash bags and clean up a local park.



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You can help your **HIGH SCHOOL** student pursue an authentic faith by helping them serve. Some of these activities can be done in a group, so invite some of your high schooler's friends over, serve up snacks, and make a party of it!

BABYSITTING CLUB. Have your teenager volunteer to babysit for a single parent. During the summer months, many single parents have the extra stress of what to do with their kids who are out of school. Your teen could be a once-a-week solution.

MILITARY MOWERS. Does your neighborhood or church have a military family with a loved one deployed? Mow their lawn. It's one less thing the family has to think about.

LISTEN UP. Grab some balloons from a local discount store and deliver them to a local nursing home. Challenge your student to listen to a story from each person they visit.

TOP SHELF. Contact a local food pantry and see if they need help organizing or cleaning. For many pantries, this is an ongoing challenge with donated food going in and out.

THE COMMUNITY. Is there an organization nearby that matches a passion that your student has? Perhaps it's a summer camp program or senior center or pet shelter. Encourage your student to volunteer for a week and watch their passion ignite!

FAMILY ROAD TRIP. Visting family this summer, or have family visiting you? Challenge your teen to not only visit but to look for one way they can serve that family member during their visit—and then do it!