



SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE MONTH

Honoring Everyday Heroes

Every day, there are people in our communities who serve, protect, teach, and care for others. Firefighters, nurses, police officers, and teachers often work long hours and give of themselves to help others. Taking time to honor them is a way to show gratitude and reflect God's love in action.

The Bible reminds us in Romans 13:7, "Give honor to whom honor is due." God calls us to recognize and appreciate those who serve others faithfully. When children learn to notice and thank everyday heroes, they are practicing humility, gratitude, and kindness—qualities that reflect the heart of Jesus.

Serving others doesn't always mean doing something big. Sometimes it's as simple as saying "thank you" in a meaningful way. Encouraging children to honor others helps them look beyond themselves and see the needs and efforts of people around them.

Service Project: Thank-You Gifts for Community Helpers

This month, create simple, heartfelt gifts to thank everyday heroes in your community.

1. Choose Who To Honor

Decide what group to serve—firefighters, nurses, police officers, teachers, or another local helper group. It may be useful to reach out anyone in your congregation who may have connections to any of these groups.

2. Create Thank-You Cards or Posters

Have children make colorful cards or posters with encouraging messages, drawings, and simple notes of appreciation.

3. Prepare a Small Gift (Optional)

Put together snack baskets with items like granola bars, fruit snacks, or bottled drinks. Keep it simple and thoughtful.

4. Write Meaningful Messages

Encourage children to include phrases like "Thank you for helping others," or "We appreciate what you do!" This helps them express gratitude clearly.

5. Deliver the Gifts

Drop off the cards or baskets at a local station, school, or workplace. If possible, call ahead to arrange a good time.

6. Pray Together

Take a moment to pray for those being honored—that God would protect, strengthen, and encourage them in their work.
