



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE MONTH

Military & Veteran Appreciation

Show appreciation to military members, veterans, and their families by performing acts of service that communicate gratitude and love!

By assembling care packages or writing letters, students can tangibly express thanks and encouragement. It also helps children understand the importance of serving others and living out the message of Galatians 5:13 in their daily lives.

Instructions:

This month, families or classes can create and deliver notes of encouragement to neighbors as a way to spread kindness and share God's love.

Plan Ahead:

Decide whether your class will focus on care packages, letters, or both. Identify local organizations, military bases, or veterans' groups that accept donations or letters. Many community centers, VA hospitals, or family support organizations have volunteer coordinators who can provide guidance.

Set a timeline: consider using 1-2 class sessions to complete the project, leaving time to deliver or mail items.

Gather Supplies:

- For **care packages**, gather items such as snacks, toiletries, letters, small games, or patriotic-themed items. Ensure all items meet any mailing regulations for military mail.
- For **letters**, provide stationery, pens, crayons, and optional stickers or decorations. Encourage students to write heartfelt messages of encouragement and thanks.

Introducing the Project to Students:

Read Galatians 5:13 and discuss how serving others is an act of love.

Talk about the sacrifices military members and their families make, helping children understand the purpose behind the project.

Guide the Assembly or Writing Process:

Assign students to work individually or in small groups.

For care packages, have students organize items neatly, write a note for inclusion, and pack them

safely.

For letters, encourage students to write complete sentences and express genuine appreciation. You can model an example letter that is simple, kind, and age appropriate.

Reflection and Sharing:

After completing the packages or letters, gather students to reflect on the experience. Ask questions like:

- “How do you think this gift or letter will make someone feel?”
- “Why is serving others important?”

Emphasize that even small acts of service can have a big impact.

Delivery:

Coordinate with your chosen organization or military contact for safe delivery. If mailing, ensure all items comply with postal and military regulations.

Celebrate the completion of the project as a class, reminding students of the difference they have made in someone’s life.

Other Tips:

- Encourage creativity: Students can include handmade cards, drawings, or small crafts.
- Keep it age-appropriate: For younger children, writing a few kind words or drawing pictures is perfect. Older children can write longer letters or help assemble items.
- Emphasize gratitude and humility: Remind students that this project is not about recognition for themselves but about blessing others.

By guiding your class through this service project, you help children put faith into action, reinforcing the lesson of Galatians 5:13 while honoring those who have served. The project not only blesses military