

Serving Together

Matt 20:26

“whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant”

Best Use

As a reminder to help encourage your family toward humble, loving service *together*.

Nutritional Value

Prompting conversation to remember the importance of faith in our homes, especially as evidenced through our service. Strong families make strong churches.

Advance Preparation

- Schedule a time to connect with your family over a favorite treat, i.e. a trip for ice cream cones! ☺.
- Gather items: Bible, recipe card, *Serving Together Plan*, your family calendar.

Serve It Up

Follow these simple steps for a great experience:

STEP ONE: Talk about It

What is the goal of the “Serving Together” campaign? What are the three main aspects of the “Serving Together” campaign?

- The goal—to provide opportunities and ideas for a **family to serve as a unit**...dad, mom, kids...all working together to glorify our Lord and to serve our neighborhood or community.
- 3 aspects (1 day, 120 days, 1 year):

- The Pack Shack (1 day)—Talk about that afternoon...the fun, what was learned, who will be helped.
- 120 Day Challenge (120 days)—Review your willingness and commitment to serve as a family.
- We CAN (1 year)—Who has been helped so far? Why is serving together as a family important?

STEP TWO: Make a plan

Review the **120 Day Challenge** opportunities: (see your *Serving Together Plan*)—Neighborhood Connection; SCC Backpacks for Kids Packing Event; Ronald McDonald Family Room-Prepare a Meal; Foster Home Kits; Older Wiser Loved Seniors (OWLS); Family-to-Family Connection; Children's Ministry; Letters of Appreciation; Bake Treats;

Other _____

- Which did you choose? **Schedule the event on your calendar** 😊.
- Afterwards, share your family experience via email with our HomePointe team (gziegler@bencoc.org).
Thanks!

STEP THREE: Listen

Ask your child(ren) what there is about service that is important to God. How does serving together affect our family? Why did Jesus say he came to serve? What does that tell us *about God*? What is it about love that motivates us to serve? Why is important for us to be humble in our service?

STEP FOUR: Read

Read *Matthew 20:24-28* *Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

STEP FIVE: Discuss

What does it mean to "lord it over" someone? How did Jesus serve people?

End your time together thanking God for your family and asking Him to help you serve together with the humility and love of Jesus.