

# ***Serving Together***

## ***Intentional Faith Conversations***

### **Best Use**

As a family time discussion guide for emphasizing joy in serving, generosity, humility, and gratitude

### **Nutritional Value**

Nurtures a pattern of serving others as a family and naturally creating opportunities for intentional faith conversations with each other

### **Advance Preparation**

- Choose a serving opportunity with your family from the list on the reverse side (also found on the “120 Day Serving Plan” in the HomePointe Center or at [www.bencoc.org/homepointe](http://www.bencoc.org/homepointe)).
- Schedule the serving opportunity and collect any necessary materials together as a family.
- Sit together as a family and take turns praying for those you are going to serve.
- Look for ways to include everyone in the family in the service project.

## **Possible “Serving Together” Activities**

Check at least one to participate in as a whole family:

- ☐ We CAN Make a Difference – Collect items to donate once a month
- ☐ Neighborhood Connection – Identify, pray for, and serve neighbors
- ☐ Samaritan Center Snack Pack Event – Pack snacks for hungry school children
- ☐ Samaritan Center Back Pack Event – Pack backpacks with school supplies
- ☐ Ronald McDonald Family Room Meal – Prepare meal for families of critically ill children
- ☐ Foster Home Kits – Prepare kits of basic needs for foster homes
- ☐ Older Wiser Loved Seniors (OWLS) – Encourage our senior members
- ☐ Family-to-Family Connection – Meet a new family and invite them to a meal
- ☐ Children’s Ministry Classroom Helpers/Teachers – Help for one quarter
- ☐ Children’s Ministry VBS Helpers – Help with games, snacks, or teaching
- ☐ Letters of Appreciation – Identify those who serve and send them a thank you card.
- ☐ Bake Treats – Make and take cookies to local service providers
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **After Serving Together**

1. Have each person in your family share what their favorite part was about the serving opportunity.
2. Ask your child(ren) why they think it is good to serve others and have them think of a time when someone else has served them.
3. Talk with them about how it made them feel when someone else served them in a real way (ie. grateful, like someone cares about them very personally, like someone knew just what they needed, etc...)
4. Help them to make the connection that those who you served in this activity now have the same feelings...that someone cared.
5. Read one/all of the following scriptures together:  
**Mark 10:43-45** (Jesus describes servants as great)  
**Phil 2:5-7** (Jesus modeled humility & service)  
**1 John 4:19** (Jesus’ love inspires us to love others)