

Growing Together

Bible Story
Jesus washes his disciples' feet. John 13:1-17

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection 5:
Jesus wants us to serve others.

Bible Verse
"All of you, serve each other in humility" (1 Peter 5:5b).

In Touch

Today your child learned that Jesus wants us to serve others. Jesus gave us a great example of being a servant when he washed his disciples' feet. Make service part of your life and the life of your family by serving others whenever you can. God promises to bless you for it!

Place Mat Reminder

Make service an everyday affair by making reminder place mats. Start with a large sheet of construction paper. Cut a cross from a different color of paper, and glue this in the center of your place mat. Remind kids that ultimately it's God that we're serving. Next, brainstorm a list of others you can serve, and write their names or draw pictures around the cross. At the bottom of the mat, write Matthew 25:40b, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Finally, laminate or cover with clear contact paper. "Serve" daily!

Scrapbook of Service

Lots of kids love to make scrapbooks. How about a springtime Scrapbook of Service? All you need is a notebook (three-ring or spiral bound) to keep track of ideas, prayers, photos, Bible verses, and projects. Try making it a family album. This is great for getting started serving others. And who knows? Maybe a springtime of service will lead to a lifetime of service for the Lord!

Servanthood on a String

Hang a sturdy string over a doorway, over a window, or along a wall. Clip clothespins to this string. Write your best ideas for being a helpful servant on index cards, and clip these to the string. Ideas might include: rake a neighbor's yard, deliver cookies to a friend, or write a nice note to your pastor. Each day you can choose one card from the string. When you've finished all the acts of service, make a new set of cards and start over!

Grateful Grahams

Not only are we called to be helpful servants, but over the course of our lives, countless servants have touched us as well. Sit down as a family with graham crackers and milk. As you eat each cracker, name one person who has served you. After your snack, you may want to attach a note of thanks to a little bag of mini graham crackers and deliver them to those who have served you. It's great to serve, and it's nice to be grateful for those who have served you!