

Love Your Neighbors

Idea Sheet

These are some ideas to help us build relationships within our neighborhoods/community and to love the people God created, being obedient to the Great Commandment.

Don't know your neighbors? How about...

- Throwing a block party
- Hosting a field day – set up sports-type games, relay races, etc. in your backyard and invite all your neighbors. Enjoy a day of competition and fun with your neighbors.

Do you like to be outside? Why not...

- Have a free car wash for all your neighbors
- Mow your neighbor's lawn
- Invite your neighbors to help you clean up a local park

Like cooking, sewing, or crafts?

- Bake treats and deliver to neighbors
- Leave a bag of homemade goodies for your mail carrier with a note of thanks.
- Make pillowcase dresses for orphans in Africa with your neighbors – Check it out at www.littledressesforafrica.org
- Make birthday cards for foster kids

Do you have an elderly parent or do you just have a heart for the elderly? Why not...

- Make cards with your neighbors and pass them out at a local nursing home together
- Make and deliver bird feeders to a local nursing home
- Pot a plant and take it to seniors at a retirement home
- Offer to grocery shop for an elderly neighbor

Love pets?

- Volunteer at the Humane Society with a neighbor
- Make homemade dog biscuits and deliver to neighbors with dogs
- Offer to walk your neighbor's dog or pet sit while they are out of town

Is there a particular cause (clean water, hunger, etc.) that you want to raise money for? Try these...

- Have a garage sale. Don't price any items and just accept donations, letting your customers know what charity you are raising money for. (You will make more money this way than pricing every item)
- Set up a lemonade stand
- Plan a charity carnival – set up games, refreshments, and prizes in your backyard along with a ticket booth for people to buy tickets to use to play the games and get refreshments. Invite neighbors, friends, and classmates.

How about honoring special people in our lives, like teachers and military personnel?

- Make goodie bags with your neighbors for your children's teachers or all the teachers at a local school
- Make cards for veterans and pass out at a veteran's home
- Assemble care packages for military troops.

Or maybe one of these...

- Have a baby shower for a new mom in need and create a Welcome Baby Basket with diapers, washcloths, blankets, parenting tips, board books, etc.
- Offer a light bulb service to change burned-out bulbs in your neighbor's homes
- Do random acts of kindness towards your neighbors – check out www.randomactsofkindness.org for ideas.
- Offer to babysit your neighbor's children for free
- Invite your neighbor over or go out for coffee and truly listen to their story