



THE PRACTICE OF SERVICE FOR KIDS!

Jesus lived out servanthood. One great example of serving others was Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. He said in John 13:14-15, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done for you." In other words, we need to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Serving others in big ways and small. Not for our gain but for sharing the gift of joy to others. We can serve in many ways...

SERVICE OF SMALL THINGS-

Find a small act of service that can become a habit.

Some ideas are:

Help others feel appreciated by saying "please" and "thank you".

Smile at someone while you are at a store, school, church, anywhere.

Take time to listen to others.

HIDDEN SERVICE-

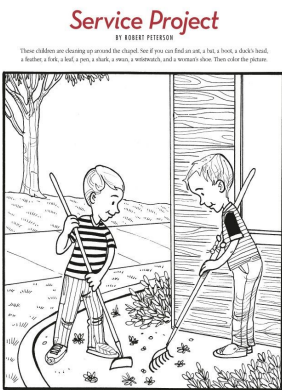
Serve others without them knowing it.

Some ideas are:

*Help at home with a chore that you do not normally do without being asked.

*Read a book to or play with a younger sibling.

*Help a neighbor by bringing down their trash can or making them a note or a card and leaving it on their front door.



MAKE A KINDNESS KIT:

Get a small school supply box and fill it with sticky notes or other paper or note cards, crayons, markers or colored pencils and fun stickers. Keep this Kindness Kit in your car so you will have supplies to help serve others by spreading joy!

- Leave a note and paper flowers for a friend that missed school because they were sick.
- Make a paper flower for a teacher with a nice note.
- Make a Homeless Care Kit and hand out (with a parent) to people in need when you go to the store.
- Give out stickers at a grocery store to a crying toddler.
- Leave a nice note to a member of the waitstaff at your favorite restaurant.
- Leave a thank you note on your trash can maybe with a bottle of water or Gatorade.

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