

# SERVING OTHERS

## 2ND GRADE

### OBJECTIVE

Help your child understand that serving others is a way to show God's love—and that even Jesus chose to serve with humility.

### WHAT TO KNOW

By 2nd grade, kids are becoming more aware of how their actions affect others. They're also beginning to notice fairness, social roles, and how people treat each other. This is a great time to show them that serving others isn't about being "less important"—it's about love, humility, and following Jesus' example.

Remind your child that we don't serve to get attention or praise. We serve because God loves us, and we want others to experience that love too. Even simple things like helping at home, including someone on the playground, or saying something kind can be powerful acts of service.

### TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

*Serve one another humbly in love.* Galatians 5:13

Serving isn't about being important—it's about choosing love and putting others first. When we serve others with humility, we're showing that we care more about love than attention.

*You should do as I have done for you.* John 13:15

In John 13:1–17, Jesus surprised His disciples by washing their feet—a job usually done by the lowest servant. He wanted them to understand that true leadership begins with humble service.

*Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.* Mark 9:35

This reminds us that greatness in God's kingdom isn't about being in charge—it's about being willing to care for others with a joyful heart.



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## TALK ABOUT IT

- What does it mean to serve others?
- Who is someone you could help or encourage this week?
- Why do you think Jesus chose to serve others?
- How does serving show love to people—and to God?
- Is it easy or hard to serve when no one notices?

Remind your child that when we serve others with humility, we're following Jesus' example and showing His love in real ways.

## LIVE IT OUT

Invite your child to do one simple act of service this week—like helping with chores, including someone new at recess, or writing a kind note to a teacher or friend. Let them choose what they'd like to do, and after they've done it, talk together about how it felt to think of someone else first.

You can also create a "Service Jar" with simple ideas written on slips of paper—like give someone a compliment, help set the table, or pray for a friend. Let your child pick one a day and put it into action. This helps serving become a regular part of life, not just something we do occasionally.

Try a "let someone else decide" moment too—like letting a sibling pick the game or what to watch. These little choices teach humility and help your child practice putting others first in everyday situations. Remind them that Jesus served with joy, and we can too.

## PRAY TOGETHER

Encourage your child to ask God for eyes to see the needs around them. Then pray together, asking for a heart that chooses love through action.

"Jesus, thank You for showing us how to serve. Help me to think of others and love them like You do. Amen."

