

# SERVING OTHERS

## 3RD GRADE

### OBJECTIVE

Help your child see that serving others is a way to show love, practice humility, and follow the example of Jesus.

### WHAT TO KNOW

Serving isn't just about doing chores—it's about loving others with our actions. In the Bible, Jesus washed His disciples' feet, a task usually done by the lowest servant. He did this to show His friends what true humility and love look like.

At this age, kids can start recognizing pride versus humility. They're learning to think more about others and how their actions affect the people around them. Helping them connect kindness with Christlike servanthood sets a strong foundation for the future.

We serve because Jesus served first. He didn't just talk about love—He showed it with His life. When your child chooses to help, include, or encourage someone, they're showing the world what God's love looks like in action.

### TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

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

This reminds us that serving should come from a humble heart that cares for others.

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.* Mark 10:45

Jesus showed us that true love is sacrificial and willing to put others first.

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.* Philippians 2:3

Serving isn't about being noticed—it's about putting others' needs before our own and reflecting Jesus' example.



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## TALK ABOUT IT

- What does it mean to serve others?
- Why is humility important when we help others?
- Can you think of a time someone served you in a way that showed love?

## LIVE IT OUT

Encourage your child to take small, practical steps to serve others throughout the week. Try a “humble service challenge” where they look for ways to help without being asked—doing a chore, including someone left out, or letting someone else go first. At the end of each day, reflect together on what they did, how it felt, and whether it was easy or hard to be humble.

You can also create a “Ways I Can Serve” list together and hang it somewhere visible—this helps your child keep serving others top of mind. Include both small ideas (like sharing a toy) and bigger ones (like writing a card for someone going through a tough time).

Look for chances to serve as a family too—bake cookies for a neighbor, clean up a shared space, or send encouragement to someone in need. These small moments build habits of compassion and help your child understand that serving is one of the best ways to live like Jesus.

## PRAY TOGETHER

Encourage your child to ask God to help them serve with humility and love. Pray together, focusing on becoming more like Jesus in the way you treat others.

“Jesus, thank You for showing us what it means to serve. Help me choose humility, love others well, and look for ways to help each day. Amen.”

