

# SERVING OTHERS

## 4TH GRADE

### OBJECTIVE

Help your child understand that serving others reflects the love of Jesus and is part of living a faithful, selfless life.

### WHAT TO KNOW

Your child is in a pivotal stage of development, growing in independence and awareness of the world around them. They're learning what it means to be part of a team—at home, at school, and in friendships. This is a key opportunity to teach them that greatness in God's Kingdom comes from putting others first.

Mark 10:45 tells us that Jesus came not to be served, but to serve. He set the example for what it looks like to live with humility and purpose. And in Acts 20:35, we're reminded that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Serving others isn't something we do to earn praise—it's how we live out the love of Jesus in everyday life.

### TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

*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 NIV

Jesus didn't use His power for Himself—He chose to serve others with love and humility. That's the example He gives us to follow.

*When we serve with humility and kindness, we reflect God's heart to the people around us. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.* 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

God has given each of us unique gifts—not to keep for ourselves, but to serve others with joy and purpose.

*It is more blessed to give than to receive.* Acts 20:35 NIV

When we give our time and energy to serve others, we experience the kind of joy that only comes from living like Jesus.



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## TALK ABOUT IT

- What's something nice someone has done for you that made you feel happy?
- What do you think it means to "serve with love"?
- Why do you think Jesus chose to serve instead of being served?
- What's one way you could serve someone this week without being asked?

Use these questions to help your child see that serving can be simple, thoughtful, and joyful. Remind them that when they serve others with love, they are living more like Jesus. These conversations help build empathy, compassion, and a lifelong mindset of looking for ways to care for others.

## LIVE IT OUT

Pick one way to serve someone this week and make it your family's challenge. Start by helping your child think of five people they could serve—at home, school, or in the neighborhood—and choose a small act of kindness for each one, like writing a note, helping with a chore, or offering encouragement. You can even create a "Serve Others" poster and hang it somewhere visible as a reminder throughout the week.

Throughout the week, check in together about how things are going. At the end of the week, talk about what it felt like to serve and what they noticed—how it made them feel and how it may have encouraged someone else. Remind your child that serving doesn't have to be big or loud—God sees and uses every quiet, simple act of love.

## PRAY TOGETHER

Talk with your child about asking God to open their eyes to the needs around them. Then pray together for a heart that serves joyfully.

"Lord, help me develop a heart that loves to serve. Show me opportunities to help others and give me a joyful spirit as I follow Your example. Amen."

