

SERVING OTHERS

7TH GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Encourage your student to serve others with love and humility, following Christ's example of selfless service.

WHAT TO KNOW

Middle schoolers are beginning to notice injustice, need, and opportunities to lead. It's the perfect time to help them see serving not as a chore, but a calling. Jesus showed us that greatness in His Kingdom isn't about power or popularity—it's about humility. He served others, even as God in the flesh, and your student can follow His example by leading with a servant's heart.

Serving helps students think beyond themselves, develop compassion, and grow in Christ-like character. When they serve with a humble, willing heart, they reflect Jesus in a world that often says, "Put yourself first."

TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve ... Mark 10:45 NIV
Jesus came to serve others—and we are called to do the same.

Serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13 NIV
Serving others starts with love and humility.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition ... rather, in humility value others above yourselves.
Philippians 2:3 NIV
We reflect Jesus when we put others first.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others ... 1 Peter 4:10 NIV
God gives each of us unique gifts to help and serve those around us.

Whatever you did for one of the least of these ... you did for Me. Matthew 25:40 NIV
Serving others is one way we honor and serve Jesus Himself.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- How does it feel when someone serves you with kindness and humility?
- Can you think of someone in your life who is a great example of serving others?
- What are some practical ways you could serve others at home, at school, or in your community?
- Why do you think Jesus focused so much on serving?
- How can you keep a humble attitude when you're helping others?

LIVE IT OUT

Challenge your student to look for opportunities to serve this week—not to impress others, but to reflect Christ. Ask them what needs they see around them and how they might meet those needs with compassion. You can model this as a family. Serve at a local nonprofit, write encouraging notes to classmates, or help a neighbor. Talk about the heart behind your actions, and remind your student that service is how we live out our faith. Serving is one of the best ways to grow—it shapes character, teaches empathy, and reminds us that the world is bigger than our own needs.

PRAY TOGETHER

Before you pray, talk with your student about the kind of heart Jesus had when He served. Remind them that service isn't about being noticed—it's about loving people the way Jesus does.

"Jesus, thank You for being our ultimate example of service. Help us to serve others with a humble heart, not seeking recognition but seeking to reflect Your love. Guide us in finding opportunities to serve those around us. Amen."

