

SERVING OTHERS

11TH GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Have a conversation with your student about the importance of serving others and how it shapes their identity, character, and purpose.

WHAT TO KNOW

Your student is likely already thinking about how to leave their mark on the world. But in a culture that often equates success with personal achievement, it's important to help them see the deeper value in humility, selflessness, and service. Jesus didn't come to be served—He came to serve. When students follow His lead, they learn how to live with purpose and love others in tangible ways.

Serving others also helps teens move beyond comparison. Instead of competing with peers or chasing praise, they can find fulfillment in meeting needs, showing compassion, and using their gifts to make a real impact.

TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet... you should do as I have done for you.
John 13:14–17 NIV

Jesus modeled service through humility. We follow Him by serving others in love.

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.
Matthew 20:28 NIV

Jesus redefined greatness through selfless service. We are called to do the same.

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

True freedom is expressed by choosing to love and serve others.

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

Living like Christ means putting others first—not for recognition, but because they matter.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- What does serving others mean to you?
- Who comes to mind when you think of someone who helps others well?
- What are some real needs you see in our school, church, or community?
- When do you feel most fulfilled or like your life has meaning?

LIVE IT OUT

Help your student live out their faith by making service a regular rhythm—not just something they do, but part of who they are. Talk about how serving shapes their character and reflects the heart of Jesus. It doesn't have to be big or public to matter. What counts is consistency, humility, and love in action.

Share a time when serving brought unexpected joy. Ask what causes they care about and look for ways to get involved together. Talk about how service builds purpose and strengthens who they're becoming. Encourage small, everyday acts—like helping a neighbor or showing up for a friend—and remind them that serving others is more than a project; it's a way of life.

PRAY TOGETHER

Take time to invite God into the conversation. Pray that He shapes both your hearts to reflect the humility and love of Christ.

"God, thank You for sending Jesus as the ultimate example of service. Teach us to lead with love and to look for ways to serve others each day. Show us the needs You want us to see—and give us the courage to act. Help us grow into people who reflect You more and more through how we love and serve others. Amen."

