

SERVING OTHERS

5TH GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Help your child understand that serving others is not just something we do—it's who we are as followers of Jesus.

WHAT TO KNOW

By 5th grade, kids are becoming more aware of others' needs and ready to take on more responsibility. They're learning to think independently and make meaningful choices that impact those around them. This is a great time to help them build a habit of serving that lasts.

Jesus modeled servant leadership by washing feet, healing others, and giving His life in love. Mark 10:45 reminds us He came to serve, not to be served. Serving like Jesus means putting others first—not for recognition, but to reflect His love in everyday ways.

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

Jesus chose to serve rather than be served, setting an example of humility and selflessness for us to follow.

Serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13

God calls us to serve with the right attitude—not for praise, but out of love and care for others.

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

Your child has unique gifts and abilities, and God wants them to use those gifts to serve others well.

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

When we choose humility and put others first, we reflect the character of Jesus and show people His love.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- What's something kind someone has done for you that really made a difference?
- Why do you think Jesus served others, even when it was hard?
- What does it mean to put others first when it costs us something?
- How do you think your gifts and talents could help someone else?
- Who do you know that's a great example of someone who serves with joy?

LIVE IT OUT

Encourage your child to create a "Serving in Action" list—three small ways they can serve this week at home, school, or church. Talk about how those choices can show Jesus to others. Then help them pick one of the items and make a plan to follow through with it. You could even write it on a sticky note and post it somewhere visible as a reminder.

To keep the momentum going, challenge each family member to complete one act of service this week and share about it at dinner. You could also pick a simple service project to do together—like baking for a neighbor, donating gently used toys, or volunteering at church. Afterwards, talk about what it felt like to serve and how God might be using those actions to grow love and compassion in your family.

PRAY TOGETHER

Invite your child to pray with you about how they can serve others with joy and humility this week. Ask God to use your family to be a light through love in action.

"Jesus, thank You for showing us how to serve with love and humility. Help me use the gifts You've given me to help others, put people before myself, and be a light in my home, school, and community. Amen."

