

SERVING OTHERS

6TH GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Help your student understand what it means to serve others like Jesus—and how small acts of service can make a big impact.

WHAT TO KNOW

At this age, your student is starting to notice the needs of others—and their own ability to make a difference. While the world encourages chasing success or building a platform, Jesus calls them to something better: to lead by serving. This is the perfect time to show your student that serving isn't just for mission trips or big events. It's a way of life.

Whether it's helping a sibling, volunteering at church, or standing up for someone who feels overlooked, your student can follow Jesus' example with humility and love. When they realize serving is less about being seen and more about seeing others, they begin to reflect Jesus in powerful, 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 NIV

Jesus led by serving—and we're called to follow His example.

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

Serving others is how we show love in action.

In humility, value others above yourselves ... not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:3–4 NIV

True service means putting others before ourselves.

Whatever you did for one of the least of these of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40 NIV

When we serve others, we're serving Jesus.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- Who are some people you admire because of the way they serve others?
- When you think about Jesus as a servant, what stands out to you?
- What's one way you've helped someone recently? How did it feel?
- Why do you think God cares so much about us serving others?
- What's one thing you could do this week to make someone else's life easier?

LIVE IT OUT

Encourage your student to serve others in small, consistent ways. Ask them what needs they notice at school, at home, or in your community. Help them brainstorm ideas and follow through together. Model a servant's heart by involving them in things you do for others. If you make a meal for a neighbor or write a card to someone who's struggling, invite them to join you. When your student experiences the joy of serving, it reinforces their sense of purpose and shows them what it really looks like to live like Jesus.

PRAY TOGETHER

Invite your student to pray with you about serving others. Remind them that Jesus served with love, and we're called to do the same.

"God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to serve. Help us see the needs around us and have the courage to do something about them. Make us kind, helpful, and willing to put others first. Give us hearts that reflect Your love. Amen."

