

SERVING OTHERS

12TH GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Have a conversation with your student about how serving others reflects the heart of Christ and builds up the Church and the world around them.

WHAT TO KNOW

Serving others is one of the most powerful ways we reflect Jesus in our lives. In fact, some of the moments we are most like Christ are when we put others first and lead with humility. In John 13:15, Jesus Himself said He had given us an example to follow and that we should do as He has done for us.

We've each been given gifts, time, and opportunities to make a difference. Galatians 5:13 reminds us not to waste our freedom but to use it to serve one another. When your student embraces service, they're not only helping others—they're living out their faith in practical ways. Whether they serve through church, family, or their community, they can bring light into dark places and hope where it's needed most. Serving shifts their focus from self to others—and that kind of life is rich with purpose and joy.

TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45 ESV

Jesus modeled sacrificial service—true leadership starts with humility.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves ... Philippians 2:3–4 ESV

Serving others means valuing them above yourself.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men. Colossians 3:23 ESV
Everything you do can become an act of worship when done with the right heart.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
1 Peter 4:10 ESV

God has equipped you to serve—your gifts have a purpose.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- Where do you feel like God is nudging you to make a difference right now?
- What do you think it means to “serve like Jesus”?
- What are some gifts or talents you have that could bless others?
- How can you serve without needing recognition or reward?
- Why do you think Jesus linked service so closely to discipleship?

LIVE IT OUT

Invite your student to reflect on how they might use their time, gifts, and energy to serve others. This could be through your local church—helping in youth ministry, tech, or hospitality—or outside the church by meeting practical needs in the community. If your student isn’t sure where to begin, pray with them and ask God to show them the right opportunities. But don’t wait too long—encourage them to start somewhere. Jesus said, “Go and make disciples.” That begins with a posture of humility and a heart ready to serve.

- Serve at church.
- Visit someone who’s sick or lonely.
- Make a meal, mow a lawn, write a note of encouragement.
- Volunteer at a food bank, nonprofit, or school.
- Take initiative at home to serve family members without being asked.

PRAY TOGETHER

Talk to God together about what it looks like to serve with a heart like Jesus. Invite your student to ask for courage, clarity, and compassion.

"God, thank You for giving us the example of Jesus. Help us use the gifts You’ve given us to love and serve others. Show us how to serve in a way that honors You and brings hope to those around us. We want to be part of what You’re doing in the world. Amen."

