

WEEK 2

SERVICE

LENDING A HAND TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE

I want to invite _____

This week I ___ became friends with Jesus.
___ invited ___ prayed for a friend.
___ spent time with God in devos.

2 Voices > 1

We believe multiple adult voices in the life of a child is the best way to help them grow. If you want to talk with a small group leader let us know!

READ ACTS 20:35

DAY 1

Read this verse again. What did Jesus say is better? Giving or receiving? That's right. Giving! It's BETTER for you to serve than to be served. It's better for you to help than to be helped.

But did you catch the first part? It says to "work hard and help the weak." Who are the weak in your world? Maybe it's the new kid at school that doesn't have any friends. Maybe it's the younger sibling that isn't quite big enough to do certain things without your help. Maybe it's the kid on your soccer team that fell during that last play and needs help off the field.

How can you serve someone "weaker" than you this week? Write it down in the space to the right. If you can't think of anything to write, ask God to help you notice the "weak" around you and to lend a hand this week.

THANK God for the opportunity to lend a hand to help the "weak."

ASK IT: Even when you're not feeling it, what can help you remember to serve others?

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:4

DAY 2

Did you know that serving others isn't just about doing something for someone else? It's also the ATTITUDE you have while you do it. If you're cleaning up the kitchen while complaining, or pulling the trash can out the street while grumbling, are you serving with a happy heart? If you're grumbling and complaining and whining when you serve, you are making it all about you. But it's not.

This verse reminds us that when it comes to serving, it's not really about us. It's about others. That's why our attitude is so important. A good attitude means that you care more about helping someone else than what it costs you. It means you are willing to be inconvenienced in order to help someone else. When you huff and puff and get all worked up, even if you complete the task, you're still making the situation all about you instead of the person you're helping. So remember, have a good attitude when you lend a hand. It will make all the difference. Grab a piece of paper and trace your hand. Write this verse inside the palm or along the fingers. Post it in a place where you'll see it this week.

ASK God to help you have a good attitude when you lend a hand.

DO IT: Pick someone you don't get along with and help them this month.

READ LUKE 6:38

DAY 3

Grab a measuring cup or spoon. Now fill it with water and pour that water into a big glass. Do it again until the glass is full. How many times did it take?

Jesus said that the same amount of service you give to others will be given to you. If someone were to follow you around today and “measure” your acts of service and giving to others, how would you “measure up?” Did you have a good attitude? Did you refuse to help because you didn’t feel like it? Did you lend a hand cheerfully?

When you serve, it changes the world around you. When others see you helping and lending a hand, they are challenged to do the same. Being generous to others and choosing to serve them, even when you don’t feel like it, makes a BIG difference. So, as you serve this week, think about that measuring cup and choose to have a good attitude. And just watch what a difference it makes.

LOOK for ways to serve with a good attitude this week.

CELEBRATE THE WINS: Catch your kids doing something right this week and celebrate.

READ PROVERBS 19:17

DAY 4

God notices when we help people in need. Can you think about some people you know that need some help? Maybe a friend’s father just lost his job. Maybe an older lady in your neighborhood could use some help with her yard. Maybe you’ve even seen a homeless person at a park or on the street that could use a hot meal.

When you think about people around you that are in need, it might seem like a BIG job to help them. But there is always something you can do, even if you think it’s small, to help someone in need.

Take some time to sit down with your family and talk about someone you know that needs help. What could you do as a family to lend a hand and serve them this week? Come up with a plan to do ONE thing to help.

KNOW that God notices when we help others in need.

FAMILY HANG TIME: Have each person tell about the last funny video they saw.

SERVICE CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help someone as a family. | <input type="checkbox"/> Help someone secretly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help someone you don’t get along with | <input type="checkbox"/> Get help from your parents to invite someone to church |