



# Service Projects to Experience as a Family



One of the best ways to build family unity and teach your children to care for others is to regularly complete service projects together. As children serve others, their own self-esteem will rise. Serving others will develop skills and confidence that can be used by God, typically help them grow closer to God, and maybe even develop a lifelong habit of serving others. The byproduct is that people in need will be helped.

## Listed below are some ideas to get you started:

- Go to a food pantry and help sort the food.
- Pick up trash at a neighborhood park.
- Celebrate Christmas in July by sending small gifts to a missionary family.
- Collect school supplies and backpacks for needy children.
- Collect eye glasses and give them to the Lions Club.
- Have a “sock drive” for the homeless and donate the socks to a shelter.
- Plant a garden and give away vegetables to the community.
- Do yard work for the elderly or handicapped.
- Write and deliver notes of appreciation and packaged treats to the fire or police station.
- Host a movie night and invite friends to come.
- Give out cold water at a public event on a hot day.
- Plant flowers at the church, for an elderly person, or at a park (with permission).
- Host “everybody’s birthday party” at a nursing home with games and cupcakes.
- Do a prayer walk around your church’s neighborhood.
- Organize a yard sale and give the money to a good cause.
- Donate pet supplies to a shelter.
- Pay for someone else’s meal in the drive-thru lane.
- Make get-well cards for someone.
- Prepare and deliver a meal to a mom with a new baby, a shut-in or someone recovering from an illness.

\*\*\*Always check in advance to see if the organization needs help and what guidelines they might have.