

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Service opportunities for all ages. Use an idea from the chart below or encourage the children to think of a service project they can do! Organize the project so that all ages can participate.

	Young children	Older children	Teens
Provide food after church	Arrange prepared snacks on a plate, put out napkins or cups.	Prepare snacks (e.g. clean and cut vegetables or fruit, put cheese on crackers, bake, etc.)	Plan and purchase snacks. Prepare and serve them. Clean up afterwards.
Be a junior usher	Light or snuff candles.	Hand out programs for services. Light and snuff candles.	Distribute programs, assist newcomers. Carry up the offertory basket.
Provide music for services	Sing in a group for a service.	Sing in a choir or act with a group during a service. Participate in a pageant or tableaux.	Sing in a choir or as a soloist. Play an instrument. Act or dance to bring a story to life. Put on a pageant or tableaux. Run the sound system.
Help the hungry	Collect canned or fresh food as part of a food drive.	Donate food to a food drive. Receive and sort food. OR Prepare food for a shelter.	Organize a food drive. Collect food and distribute. Collect funds for hunger causes. OR Prepare and serve food at a shelter. Talk to people who live there.
Help the needy	Give gently used toys or choose necessities to give to others who need them.	Donate used toys and unneeded clothing to others. Contribute money to an organization that helps needy people.	Organize a fund raiser, dinner, or toy/clothing collection.
Help people who can't get out (are sick)	Make cards for people who are sick or elderly.	Make cards or gifts for people who are sick or elderly.	Visit a nursing home or similar residential facility. Provide entertainment. Take residents for a walk. OR Volunteer to help children with disabilities.