Learn by Doing

Choice We Will Serve the Lord

Choose a one-time service activity to use today. Look for a list of activity ideas on *We Will Serve the Lord* (p. 2). You may want to consult with teachers of other age groups and do this project with all of the children.



1. Why is helping others important? (Loving others by serving them can bring us the kind of happiness the angels have in heaven.)
2. Discuss the service activity you have chosen.
3. Tell the children what they should do.
4. Praise the children for their efforts and affirm the contributions they have made!

Materials Needed *We Will Serve the Lord* p. 2 offers various activity choices. Materials will vary depending on your project selection.

Prepare in Advance

Some projects require more planning than others. Be sure to talk to your refreshment head if you are planning food, and with your Sunday school coordinator or pastor if you choose to prepare for a festival service.

New Church Concept Charity

Anyone who has charity toward the neighbor is moved by an affection for goodness and truth because they come from the Lord, and such a one turns away from evil and falsity because these come from himself. When he does this, humility is present in him. *Arcana Coelestia* 4956

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Serving Others Projects

These lessons lend themselves well to carrying out a larger-scale service project throughout the series. Consider setting up a project in which children of all ages can participate as leaders and helpers with adult support as needed. Choose whether to

- support students in organizing a fund raising event, the proceeds of which are donated to charity.
- do a project involving direct donations, such as canned food or clothing.

A list of possible fundraising events and suggested charitable causes and organizations is provided (below and on the next page) to help you brainstorm activities for your group.

Fundraising Events	Activities
Empty Bowls Event	Host a simple soup and bread meal and charge a fixed price. All proceeds go a food charity. Make ceramic bowls which people can purchase (see "Food" section on next page).
Talent Night	Organize a talent night. Charge admission, solicit donations of food or raffle items, and sell refreshments.
Car Wash	Host a car wash. Generate more funding by asking sponsors to make additional donations for meeting targeted fundraising goals.
Cake Auction	Everyone bakes a cake, using a cake mix, and decorates it creatively. Hold a cake auction during which people bid on cakes via a silent auction (everyone walks past all cakes in the room three times and bids via bidding sheets) *or* host a live auction using paper plates as number paddles.
Pancake Breakfast	Host breakfast before church or on a Saturday and charge a fixed fee or ask for donations.
Pasta Dinner	Host a pasta dinner and charge a fixed price.
Art Auction	Students create pieces of art work and auction them off. May be held in conjunction with a breakfast or dinner event.
Bike-a-thon	Solicit sponsorship for a bike-a-thon.
Run-a-thon	Solicit sponsorship for a run-a-thon.
Rocking-Chair-a-thon	Solicit sponsorship for an indoor rock-a-thon. Youth get paid to keep a rocking chair rocking by the minute, quarter hour, or half hour. Teams of three might keep the chair rocking for up to twenty-four hours.
Babysitting Morning/Evening	Provide drop-off babysitting at the church or encourage youth to donate their babysitting takings from a church-held event.
Raffle	Solicit donations and hold a raffle.
Lemonade Stand	Set up a lemonade stand after church.
Baked Goods Sale	Bake goods and sell them after church or in conjunction with another event.
Youth Auction	Have youth auction themselves off to church members to do yard work, pet sitting, babysitting, house cleaning, etc.
Dessert and Coffee Fundraiser	Bake desserts and host a social evening.