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FOR KIDS





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All over the world kids are serving! They are making an impact in their homes, schools, and communities, using their ideas and skills to make a difference.

The entire time Jesus was with His disciples, not only was he giving them knowledge and helping them to apply that knowledge to their lives, but he was also helping them learn to serve others. Teaching our children to serve adds a whole new dimension to their spiritual life. They begin to realize that everything is not about them! In fact, life should not be about us at all. Jesus modeled that life lesson for all of us through his death. On Global Serve Day we will encourage, equip, and empower kids to serve!

Global Serve Day is a three-day event focused on serving the home, the church, and the community. Below are just a few ideas for how you might involve your children, or the children of your church, in this event. Share your stories, comments, and photos on social media using #globalserveday.

Day 1 **Family.**

Caring Coupon Book.

Provide children with supplies, such as paper, pencils, scissors, stapler, and markers to create a coupon book of chores that they are able or willing to do for their family. Have the children staple the coupons together in a booklet. The children can present their coupon book to their parents/guardian, redeemable at any time. Requests might include: take out the garbage, give the dog a bath, a five-minute massage for the parent, fold the laundry, etc.

The Serving Jar.

Similar to the coupon book is “The Serving Jar;” however the serving jar adds an element of spontaneity to service. Provide each child with a small jar along with ten slips of blank paper. Have the children write simple tasks on each slip of paper, fold the paper, and place it in the jar. Starting on DAY ONE of Global Serve Day, the children should take one slip of paper from the jar and perform the task for their family. Encourage kids to draw their slip at the start of each morning so that they have the entire day to complete the task whenever is appropriate. Let the children develop their own unique tasks or offer any of the following:

- | Write a kind note to someone in your family.
- | Play a game with your brother/sister and they choose the game.
- | Pray for each member of your family.
- | Make someone else’s bed.
- | Empty all the trash cans throughout the house.
- | Dust the living room.
- | Sweep/vacuum the floors.
- | Wash the dishes.
- | Read a book to a younger sibling.

My Prayer List.

Provide a “My Prayer List” worksheet for the children. Ask them to list family members they can pray for. Encourage them to pray for each person on their list and then write a note of encourage to one or more of the people they prayed for.

Day 2 **Community.**

Care Kits for the Needy.

Contact a local homeless shelter and inquire about offering personal care items for those being served. Create lists for items and encourage each child to donate the requested items for the packets. Items for each kit might include: a small Bible, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small packs of gum, soft snack bars or packages of cracker sandwiches, deodorants, plastic bandages, packages of tissues, and antiseptic wipes.

On Global Serve Day, gather the children to pack the kits and pray for those who will receive them. Give kids several index cards and have them write or draw encouraging messages to put in each bag.

Variations: Consider providing care kits for others in your community such as nursing homes or local jails/prison ministries. You might also consider providing “thank you” baskets with goodies for emergency first responders such as police and firefighters.

Nursing Home Storytime.

Coordinate with your local nursing home to bring the children in to read with the elderly residents. Schedule a convenient time of day for the children to arrive. Each child should bring 1 to 2 children’s books that they are able to read. Encourage the children to not only read the story but also point out images from the book that they like the most.

Additional ideas to serve the community include:

- | Organize a drive to collect canned and boxed goods in a food pantry.
- | With permission, paint over graffiti in your community.
- | Organize a clothing or coat drive for a local homeless shelter.
- | Help prepare and serve the food at a soup kitchen or hospice.
- | Visit and serve people in an elderly community.
- | Plant trees and shrubs at a location in dire need of environmental care.
- | Clean up a local park.
- | Do yard work for someone who is sick, disabled, or elderly.
- | Visit patients in a nursing home or hospital.

Day 3 Church.

Day of Caring.

Contact elderly members of your church asking if they have chores that need to be accomplished around their home. This might include general yard work, organization of a garage, painting, or light maintenance around their home. Enlist the children of your church, preferably with their families, to come together on day three of Global Serve Day. Arrange the participants into teams with a capable team captain. Send them to the homes you wish to serve. Make sure they have the necessary equipment (lawnmowers, paintbrushes, garbage bags), as well as any safety equipment (goggles, gloves, etc.) to accomplish the job. A waiver form may be downloaded here for children who are participating without the oversight of a parent/guardian.

Picnic for the Pastor.

Enlist the help of your children to coordinate a “Picnic for the Pastor.” With the help of an adult, the children can help prepare special food items (perhaps the favorites of your pastor), set a picnic table, hang decorations, and decorate cards/notes for the pastor. The children should then be invited to join the pastor for the picnic where they will present their cards/notes.

Additional ideas to serve the church include:

- | Do yard work or general cleanup of the church facility, providing everything from weed pulling to vacuuming.
- | Have older children create a special event for the younger children. With some adult help, they can plan, organize, and implement a special time for the younger members of the congregation.



BEYOND GLOBAL SERVER DAY

REACHING THE WORLD

KidServe's project Build-A-School allows you and your local children's ministry to make a significant impact in one of the most impoverished and violent nations of the world. We've partnered with the Church of God of Prophecy National Office of El Salvador to help

strengthen their outreach efforts that presently serve more than 2,000 children every day with meals, tutoring, recreational activities, and spiritual training. For many children, these ministries provide them with the only stable adult influences in their lives and enable them to be academically successful and develop a trade for future employability.

El Salvador has been named “the most violent country in Latin America,” and its murder rates are the highest in the region. According to the United Nations, on average, 40 children are killed every month, the victims of poverty, civil war, and natural catastrophes. 1.8 million children are a part of the nation’s workforce. 4 out of 10 children live in poverty with over half of all children surviving on less than \$1.25 per day.

For the past decade, the Church of God of Prophecy has partnered with philanthropic organizations to open Centers of Learning in our local churches. Through the generosity of these organizations, our local ministries are enabled to hire professionally trained directors, teachers, and staff to serve the children in these centers. More than 2,000 children are served by these schools daily where they receive tutoring, participate in activities, and are taught a trade. Each school is audited monthly, and every child is evaluated regularly to ensure satisfactory progress in their studies.

Although these programs are making a significant impact in the lives of El Salvador’s children and communities, the facilities housing the programs are insufficient. Because of the requirements of the donors, upgrades and expansions are required for our six flagship schools for the program to continue. Each location also has a waiting list of hundreds of more children that could be served if adequate facilities were available.

Download the Build-A-School Project Guide for four free missions-oriented lessons and to learn how your kids can participate!





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A GLOBAL SERVICE MOVEMENT FOR CGPKIDS

Beyond Global Serve Day, the children of your church are invited to participate in KidServe, the service ministry of International Children's Ministries of the Church of God of Prophecy.

KidServe exists to teach children to give back to their community and to help others. Visit www.cogop.org/children/kidserve to stay connected to our monthly service projects!