

30 Ways to Serve with Your Family

1. Connect with other families and collect games and supplies for a local children's hospital
2. Adopt a nursing home and help sponsor a monthly birthday party
3. Prepare welcome baskets for new families in your neighborhood.
4. Clean up trash at a park
5. Plant flowers at a school
6. Donate quarters to people at a laundry mat
7. Take water to a construction crew working near your home or your child's school
8. Find an elderly person or couple in your neighborhood and pull weeds out of their flower beds
9. Collect baby blankets for a local pregnancy center
10. Ask your child's school counselor about the biggest need in your child's school and find a way to meet that need
11. Connect with a young family and volunteer to babysit so they can go on a date.
12. Create a family change jar and have everyone put their loose coins there to support a local charity!
13. Donate tissues or socks to elderly people in a nursing home
14. Sponsor a child through Compassion International. World Vision, etc.
15. Volunteer with your kids in an after school tutoring program
16. A young girl can donate her hair to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for children with cancer
17. Look up local food pantries/soup kitchens and volunteer your time there
18. Have a yard sale to benefit a particular cause
19. Build a relationship with an elderly man or woman at a nursing home
20. Hold a neighborhood food drive to donate to a food bank
21. Obtain a list of the homebound members in your church and their birthdays. Send a card from your family on their special day.
22. Write a note to your mayor, the governor, senator, or representative pledging your prayer for them.
23. Collect new or slightly used blankets and donate to a local homeless shelter
24. Volunteer with your kids in an after school tutoring program
25. Organize and host a Bible Club in your neighborhood during summer break
26. Bake some cookies and take them to local fire and police stations
27. Collect school supplies and donate to your local school counselor for kids in need
28. Serve a meal at the Ronald McDonald House
29. Partner with a few other families and travel to another city on a serve trip instead of a vacation
30. Make a care package for soldiers serving overseas and encourage them as they serve