

WEEK 1 | SERVING TAKE HOME SHEET

Theme

I'm in Way Over My Head - Who Do I Serve? (Everyone needs help sometimes. God wants us to serve everyone!)

Memory Verse

But among you, it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, **Matthew 20:26 NLT**

Bible Verse

There are always going to be poor and needy people among you. So I command you: Always be generous, open your purse and hands. **Deuteronomy 15:11 MSG**

Big Ideas

- ➡ We all need to ask for help sometimes.
- ➡ 'Poor' in the Bible means more than just material things.
- ➡ God's Word says we should help anyone who needs it.

Dear Parents:

We will spend the next six weeks learning all about Jesus and how He served. We will study the same memory verse for six weeks while digging deep into a different Bible verse that highlights Jesus's service to us. This first week is all about figuring out what people need! Before we begin helping, our kids can start by identifying who needs our help. Material and physical poverty are easy to see, but emotional, mental, and spiritual poverty is not.

Today your child talked about what being poor means, how to serve, what having a sweet heart is, and what serving is in our world. The Bible tells us that people are poor in many ways. That means serving is not just about giving our money and things; we should do that. It's also about making time for others, listening to them, inviting those on the outside, and recognizing the value in everyone!

Challenge:

Meet a new neighbor this week. Introduce yourself and learn their name. If you feel comfortable, offer to rake their leaves, shovel their driveway, bring them cookies, or just ask the kids to play.

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WEEK 2 | SERVING TAKE HOME SHEET

Theme

Bearing Each Other's Burdens (Shoulders) - Serving will cost you something, but Jesus paid for it all!

Memory Verse

But among you, it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant. **Matthew 20:26 NLT**

Bible Verse

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. **Galatians 6:2 ESV**

Big Ideas

- ➡ Talk about the cost of serving.
- ➡ Identify the difference between helping for free and serving to get something back.
- ➡ Helping others lightens their load.

Dear Parents:

In our skit today, Red learned that serving starts with asking for help! Some of us are great at helping; others prefer to ask others to help us.

To serve, we need to improve at slowing down and noticing when others are hurting. Jesus told us to show God's love. We need to bear each other's burdens. Sometimes that can feel like putting on a heavy backpack. It can be challenging to serve. But it starts with noticing when others are hurt or sad and thinking about how we can help. It will not always be easy, but Jesus says it's always worth it!

Challenge:

Help someone out with a chore this week.

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WEEK 3 | SERVING TAKE HOME SHEET

Theme

Praying on our Knees - Serving Isn't Always Easy (Be OK with being uncomfortable)

Memory Verse

But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. **Matthew 20:26-27**

Bible Verse

Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. **Psalm 95:6 ESV**

Big Ideas

- ➡ Serving starts with prayer.
- ➡ Compare relying on God's strength versus serving on our strength
- ➡ It takes teamwork to serve.

Dear Parents:

Today, we discussed the importance of prayer and how we need prayer when we serve others. Without prayer, we forget to rely on God's strength. We also did a lot of teamwork activities. Serving always involves others. We don't serve alone and can't serve without someone to help. Asking for help is an important part of serving.

Challenge:

Start a Serving Journal. After you write down what you have done, write down what you know is true about God: things like how amazing He is or what He has done. When you start focusing on God, serving others will come easier.

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Theme

Touch Your Toes, Let Love Grow! - Serving is love in action! Serving will look different depending on your talents.

Memory Verse

But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. **Matthew 20:26-27**

Bible Verses

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:10**

Big Ideas

- ➡ Serving for God's glory and not our own.
- ➡ Each person's talent is different.
- ➡ Works in progress: God is working on each one of us.

Dear Parents:

Today we talked about the difference between being a V.I.P. (a very important person) and a W.I.P. (a work in progress). God says we are all His workmanship, which means we are not a finished product. We are in the middle, and sometimes that's not always a pretty picture! Thankfully, we know who the artist of our life is and that we do not have to make a masterpiece. God creates masterpieces!

Challenge:

Make a piece of art for someone else. It could be a tower you built or a cool Lego creation. It would be a painting or a song you perform.

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WEEK 5 | SERVING TAKE HOME SHEET

Theme

The Hands of Jesus - We Serve God When We Serve Others (When you serve others, you are serving Jesus too.)

Memory Verse

But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:26-28

Bible Verse

Whatever you do work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men. **Colossians 3:23**

Big Ideas

- ➔ We can serve right where we are at.
- ➔ We don't have to decide who deserves to get helped.
- ➔ We can't hide from God ever, and that's a good thing!

Dear Parents:

When we run up against challenges, it is easy to want to throw in the towel and just QUIT! In our skit, Red wanted to give up his idea of Serving Pep Rally. After seeing videos on YouTube of what other pep rallies look like, Red felt like he would be a failure. When we start comparing ourselves to what we see on YouTube, it is easy to want to quit. Rather than comparing, God wants us to know that we are part of the bigger picture He is creating. He has us doing what we are doing right here for a reason. Serving others helps us remember that, big or small. All are important to God.

Challenge:

Share food with someone today. It could be muffins for a neighbor, preparing a snack for a sibling, or sharing your favorite treat in your lunch with a friend (only if that is allowed!). *If you are following along in the Serving Challenge Kids book, we encourage you to do the daily challenges from the book instead.



WEEK 6 | SERVING TAKE HOME SHEET

Theme

May the Words of My Mouth Be Pleasing - Jesus was the ultimate servant. (Because Jesus served us, we can serve others.)

Memory Verse

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Matthew 20:26-28

Bible Verse

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. **Psalm 19:14**

Big Ideas

- ⇒ All our helping comes from Jesus helping us.
- ⇒ Everything we do is a chance to share Jesus's love.
- ⇒ The words we use are powerful.

Dear Parents:

Today we had a Serving Pep Rally! Often serving gets a bad rap. We think it's all about doing chores and getting it over with quickly so we can go back to what we want to do. When we see that serving is not a one-time event but a lifestyle, it changes the world!

Challenge:

Bring joy to someone this week! Spread the joy and happiness from the Serving Pep Rally to a friend, neighbor, or even someone you don't know.

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