

PARENT/STUDENT SERVING GUIDE

5th Grade Conversation

OBJECTIVE

Have a conversation with your son or daughter about the importance of being a servant.

THE 411

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment is, He replied, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second one is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV). Part of loving God and loving others is that we take on the attitude of a servant.

SUGGESTION

Take your son or daughter out to serve somewhere in your community as a family. You can find serving opportunities from your church's website, by searching for volunteer opportunities on the web, or by contacting local nonprofit organizations in your community. After your serving day, go out for ice cream and use the discussion guide below to process the importance of serving others.

DISCUSSION

ASK: What did you like the most about serving today?
Was there anything you didn't like about today?
How did it make you feel to serve someone else?
What do you think keeps us from serving others more often?
Do you think we need to go somewhere to serve others, or can we do it anywhere?
What are some examples of ways you could serve others at home, school, church, or when you are out with friends?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: One of the values we want to elevate in our family is that we are servants of other people. Jesus tells us that being a servant is really the greatest thing we can do.

READ: **Matthew 23:11 (NIV)**
"But the greatest among you will be your servant."

Mark 9:35 (NIV)

"Sitting down, Jesus called the twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and servant of all.'"



Mark 10:44-45 (NIV)

“And whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: This is really the opposite of what most people in the world teach us. They would say that if you have a lot of servants or you are in charge of a lot of people, then you are the greatest. But God tells us something different; when we serve others, that's when we really become great.

ASK: Is there something we can regularly do as a family to serve others?

PRAY

Spend some time praying with your student. Ask God to give your family the heart of servants. Ask God to show you ways your family can serve and make a difference in the community.

