Serving in Your Community

Main Point: Follow Christ’s example and serve others (Philippians 2:5-8).

Preparation: Read and pray over Philippians 2:5-8. In this activity you’ll be challenging your teen to consider ways they can serve in their community, including at their school. But for this challenge to be effective, you too must be willing to serve. How can you get involved serving in your community?

Suggested Age: Teen

Step One:

Get together with your teens and read Philippians 2:5-8. Talk about how we are to imitate Christ by serving others. Challenge your teens to see how many ways they can think of to serve in their community. Keep a written list. This may include mowing the neighbor’s lawn, making cookies for a friend who’s hurt, helping a younger friend with homework or a particular sport, babysitting a single mom’s kids for free, etc.

Encourage them to think creatively about how they can serve at school. This might seem more difficult for them, but their school is part of their community and where they spend a great deal of time. This should open up the opportunity to talk about peer pressure and their reputation. Bring it back to Jesus. Was He worried about how others perceived Him? Did He seek popularity? What kind of people did He hang out with? Who did He serve?

Step Two:

As your teens get involved in serving others, make it a habit to discuss with them what they are learning and how God is growing them. Make sure you listen. Also, as your teens are becoming more active in service at school, consider ways you can serve God at work. Share those stories with your kids.

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