Waverly’s Family Serving Together  (filmed exercise for It Starts at Home Session 6)

Waverly, the young girl you met in the video, was only ten years old when she started packing backpacks for a local back-to-school program. She inspired her siblings and her parents to get involved and now they have their own outreach ministry. There are many ways for your family to serve others; the important thing is to get started.

- **Main Point:** Make a difference in the life of someone else while you deepen your relationship with God and with each member of your family by serving together (Matthew 20:24–28).

- **Suggested Age:** All ages

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**Step One:**

Find some time to talk together as a family. Read Matthew 20:24–28 and discuss Jesus’ mandate that we serve others. Discuss what kinds of things each of you are passionate about. Are you drawn to helping kids, the elderly, the poor, or the sick?

**Step Two:**

Check with your local church and see what opportunities they already have for you to serve together as a family. In addition, many cities have family services departments, nursing homes, soup kitchens, crisis pregnancy centers or shelters that you can call and get information about how to serve. There are also other organizations, like World Vision, that give you the opportunity to make a significant difference in the life of a child in a developing country. While this requires a monetary commitment, it also gives your family an opportunity to write letters and email this child as you care for their basic needs.

**Note:** As you narrow down where you are going to serve, make sure that you keep the safety of your family in mind, especially if you have small children. Find an activity that is age appropriate and that you can participate in together, where you can see your children at all times.

**Step Three:**

Serve. Be open to the Holy Spirit’s leading in your life, and in the lives of your family members. After you serve together, spend some time talking with your family about the event. Be open to creative ideas from you kids on other ways that you can make a difference.

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