

# YOUNG CHILDREN

## *Serving Together*



### **BEST USE**

As a guide to a time of serving as a family

### **VALUE**

Teaches each family member the value of serving and giving our time, talents, and treasures to others

### **ADVANCE PREPARATION**

Using the ideas on the back, decide on a serving activity for the whole family. Be sure to choose an activity that works for your specific family's makeup.

Here are a few questions to think through when choosing serving options:

1. Skills: What are the skills, strengths, and talents of each family member that might influence your choice of where you serve? Do you want to do a project that involves working directly with people or prefer to help people without being in direct contact with them?
2. Learning: What kinds of things would your family like to learn from volunteering? Do you want to learn how to use our time, talents, or money in order to serve others?
3. Logistics: What are the best times and locations for your family to serve?
4. Engagement: What level of commitment are you willing to make for serving? One time? Ongoing? How long do you want to serve? How far are you willing to drive?

Be sure to read through the questions on the back to ask your family before and after serving.

*If you need help choosing a serving activity or connecting with a specific organization or project, reach out to us at **communityimpact@hcbc.com** or visit **hcbc.com/local** and we will be happy to help you!*

## ON THE WAY TO SERVE

- Read Matthew 20:26-28. Pray for impact on the people you are serving and pray for those in your family as you serve others.
- Ask your kids to keep their eyes open and observe what is going on around them as they serve.
- Define expectations for kids in the family as they may interact with people who come from a different socio-economic background (e.g. what you may see or smell while serving those who are homeless) and coach them on what to expect during the time of service.

## ON THE WAY HOME FROM SERVING

- Allow each family member to share any stories about the experience. They can be sad, silly, frustrating, funny, or serious and touching stories.
- Was there any part of today was surprising to you?
- What was the hardest part about serving?
- What kind of difference do you think we made as together as a family?
- Is there anything that you will do differently as a family because of your time serving together?
- How did serving impact your entire family?
- What kinds of activities do you want to do in the future?

## SERVING IDEAS

### ENTRY LEVEL SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Fall Food Drive (November)	Tree of Lights (November/December)  Christian Resource Center Christmas Store (December)	Spring Care Collection (March/April)	Kinder Readiness (June)  Backpack Attack (July/August)

### NEXT LEVEL SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Bags of Grace	Reveal Ministries	Community First Village/Mobile Loaves and Fishes
		