



BRING IT HOME: Service

BIG IDEA

When most people wake up in the morning, they first think of one thing: themselves. Where's my breakfast? Mom didn't lay out my clothes. These thoughts can lead to conflict in your family, at school, at work, and in the world. How would the world be different if we thought less about ourselves and more about serving others?

ACT IT OUT

Service is about using your talents to help others. It's not about taking, but giving. Your home is a great place to teach your children to serve. Sit down with your children and talk about age-appropriate ways they can serve at home. Children can clean a common space in your house, clear the table, or put their dirty clothes in the laundry basket. Learning to serve at home helps your child look for ways to serve in other places.

READ ABOUT IT

Check out these articles from All Pro Dad for more resources.

10 Ways to Serve Others as a Family: allprodad.com/10-ways-to-serve-others-as-a-family/

10 Ways to Get Involved with Foster Care: allprodad.com/10-ways-to-get-involved-with-foster-care/

BOND THROUGH READING

PreK – 1st Grade

Clifford's Good Deeds, Be Responsible by Norman Bridwell

Thank You, Mr. Falker
by Patricia Polacco

Clifford the Firehouse Dog, Help Others by Norman Bridwell

2nd – 3rd Grade

The Not-a-Pig
by Clara Vulliamy

Third Grade Angels
by Jerry Spinelli

Too Loud Lilly
by Sophie Laguna

4th – 5th Grade

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
by William Kamkwamba

The Secret Garden by Frances
Hodgson Burnett

The Power of Un
by Nancy Etchemendy

TALK ABOUT IT

- Week 1** What are ways I can serve my family?
- Week 2** What are ways our family can serve others?
- Week 3** Why is it important to help and serve others?
- Week 4** In what ways did our family serve each other and others this month?

CALENDAR YOUR KIDS

Plan a service project with your child. It can be at home, in school, or in your community. Pick an age-appropriate activity that you can do together. When you're done, talk about how you helped and how you feel. Be sure to tell your child how proud you are of him or her.