

SERVING: ALL AGE SERVICE

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Matthew 22 v. 39 “Love your neighbour as yourself”

What is service?

1. How do people serve us ?

Explore the idea of serving. There is a Power Point with pictures [see Resources sheet] to stimulate discussion showing people serving us in shops, schools and emergency services How do they differ ? The latter ones are responding to problems which arise. What other examples can you think of ? {Rubbish collection, national defence etc} There is a picture also of a church congregation – Is this serving as well ? [Not service in terms of times of worship!]. Discuss.

Children could draw round their hand and on write in the hand how they can be servers or helpers { give them contexts to help them such as home, school, church, clubs etc.}.

Prayer this could be followed by prayers from the congregation or the leader, praying for the people involved.

2 What did Jesus say about serving ?

Show the youtube video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fO4qSAH1sl>

Another possibility is to do a dramatic reading in which the scripture passage [Luke 10vv. 25 – 37] is read with people playing the various characters in the passage . What is the passage saying?

As part of the recap of what happened look at the Crossword on the Power Point [or runoff copies – see “Good Samaritan puzzles” on resource sheet – or google that yourself],

and get people to complete it, either as a congregation offering the answers, or individually or in small groups. But note the American spelling of neighbours ! There are many other puzzles, word searches etc if you ‘google’ “Good Samaritan Puzzles”.l

Also, if you want craft ideas then google- **PINTEREST Good Samaritan craft ideas**. It has many ideas,. Choose what suits your situation.

3 How can we serve ?

[Question for adults: Is Christian serving different to non-Christians who volunteer?]

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Each group take one of these listed below and get small groups to come up with ideas and then write a prayer to share as we pray together to ask God to help us be better neighbours and to thank those who help us in each of these situations.

1. What help could we give in our family ?
[helping in the house? reducing work loads of others?]
2. Are there helpful things we could do at church ? Who would appreciate our help [praying, listening, fetching things etc?]. How could we be more involved in our time of worship?
3. How could we help in our local community ?
4. Who else needs our prayers ? [refugees, homeless ? those starving etc]

Closing prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank you for your love for us and that you came not to be served but to serve and give your life for each one of us. We pray that you will make us bold to speak of your love and help us to see you in the faces of those we meet. Help us to be your servant people to friend and stranger alike. Amen

Hymns/songs: These are some that you could use:-

Brother, sister let me serve you	R&S 474	MP 1261
Make me a channel of your peace	R&S 629	StF 707
From heaven you came [<i>The Servant King</i>]	R&S 522	StF 272
May the mind of Christ my Saviour	MP 463	StF 504
When I needed a neighbour	StF 256	
Give me joy in my heart	R&S 523	StF 76
Take my life and let it be	R&S 371	StF 566
For the healing of he nations	R&S 620	
I, The Lord of sea and sky	MP 857	
I want to serve the purpose of God	MP 859	
For ourselves no longer living		
Send me out from here Lord, to serve a world in need.		MP 594
Teach me to dance	TS 469	MP 936
Lord I come to you	TS 329	MP 880
The kingdom of God is justice and joy	R&S 200	
Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart	R&S 497	

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