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- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

**Prayer for this Week:**

Lord Jesus, thank you for serving me. Teach me how to serve others from the heart. Amen. (Mark 10:42-45)

**For Throughout the Day:**

Lord God, help me to put others before myself this day. Amen. (Mark 10:43-44)

**A Blessing to Share:**

*May God watch over you wherever you go. May God keep you from falling, and answer when you call to him. Amen. (Psalm 91:11-12,15)*

**Mealtime Refrain:**

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**Faith Talk:**

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- Share about a time when you felt important.
- Who is considered important in your town or city? Why?
- What makes someone great in God’s kingdom? (read Mark 10:43-44).
- How did Jesus make himself the “slave of all”?

**Devotional Practices:**

Jesus told his disciples that following him would involve suffering (Mark 10:39). In your household devotion times this week, pray for Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. Visit the website [www.persecution.org](http://www.persecution.org) to read about specific people and situations in need of prayer.

**Service:**

There are many in our churches and communities who serve God and others humbly and faithfully, without much recognition. Identify one such person you would like to honor. Send them a thank you card or prepare a small gift for them in recognition of their efforts.

**Rituals and Traditions:**

Introduce into your household life the practice of recognizing ways in which household members have served Christ through their words or actions, however large or small. This could take the form of a weekly or monthly gathering where “Servant of Christ” certificates are handed out to each household member, noting ways in which God has used them to show his love to others.

**Parent Toolbox: Ways to Teach Children the Value of Service**

- Engage your children in serving others together with you, whether inside or outside the home e.g. weed a garden bed together, bake cookies together, visit an elderly friend together.
- Look around your neighborhood for service opportunities. Be ready to help a neighbor in need or to do an act of community service.
- Take advantage of service opportunities offered through your church or local community.
- Look at your child’s talents and help them to find ways to use these gifts to serve others. Using their natural talents will help them realize serving others can be easy and enjoyable.
- Along with giving service, don’t be afraid to accept it as well. Allow your children to see that being served can also bring great blessings.
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- Above all, help your children know how Christ serves us, and calls us, in turn, to serve others.

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