Serving Project Planning Guide

There are tons of ways to serve within your community. This Serving Project Rites of Passage Experience will be most impactful when the entire family is involved and when it ends with something tangible for your child to keep that reminds them of this time. You can use all the information you gathered through the Kickstarters as a frame of reference. In order to land on a good serving project for your family, go through the following questions together, writing down the answers on the provided worksheet. You can also check out the Serving Project Ideas List.

1. Referencing Kickstarter 1, ask your family, *"What does our family have that others may consider/think of as a blessing (something nice to have)?"*

2. Referencing Kickstarter 2, ask your family, *"What is something each of us can do that makes us unique/different?"*

3. Referencing Kickstarter 3, ask your family, *"What are the needs we see around us?"*

4. Ask your family, *"What organizations do we know of in our community that are helping to meet the needs we see as a family?"*

5. Ask your family, *"Which of these organizations allows help from families?"* (Find out if they allow minors to help.)

6. Choose three ideas from your list and hold a family vote to land on a specific project.

7. Mark your serving project on the calendar.

8. Plan a way to commemorate the time with a picture or letter. Find out if it is okay to take pictures of the people you will be serving. Find out if a leader of the organization would be willing to write a thank-you letter to given to your child.

Once your family has completed the serving project, you can present your child with the picture or letter. Be sure to epitomize the moment when you give your child the picture, letter, etc. You can reference the Serving Rites of Passage Script for this time.

Remind them that generosity is a choice and that you are proud of them for thinking of others.

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Serving Project Worksheet

1. What do we have?

2. What can we do?

3. What are the needs we see?

4. What organizations do we know about?

5. Which organizations would allow all of us to help?

6. What are our top three choices? *(List them, then vote and circle the one you decide on.)*

a.

b.

c.

7. When will we do our project (day and time)?

8. How will we remember the event (picture or letter)?

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Serving Rites of Passage Script

We have enjoyed learning about serving with you. We've read three stories in the Bible to see how others have served. We learned that we can serve by giving out of the things God has given us, working out of the way He created us, and clearly seeing all the places we can serve around us.

God has led us to serve together as a family by . . . (Talk about the project you completed.)

While serving, we saw you . . . (List any stories, character traits, etc. that stuck out to you.)

Our desire is that serving others will be part of who we are as a family. Thank you for giving so generously with your time and talents to serve people in our community. We are so proud to see you be generous, and we pray that you will continue to see needs in the people around you and do something about it.

We want you to have this gift as a way to remember us serving together as a family. Hopefully, every time you look at it, you'll remember what it was like to help someone, to set aside time to serve another person.