

Charting Family Service

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Rename your family chore chart as family service. We serve our family to show our love and thanks to God.

For

Young families

Season

Winter

Needed

Family Service Chart (see second page), Bible, coloring materials, plain paper

Prepare in Advance

Print Family Service Chart

Activity Plan

1. Sit on the floor together and say this prayer. As you chant the prayer, clap your hands on the words “God” and “family”.

We love you God.

We love our family.

We serve God through serving our family. Amen.

2. Open your Bible and read Joshua 24:15 “But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Discuss this verse using these thoughts.
 - I wonder how Joshua and his family made the decision to serve God.
 - Who is in our household?
 - How do we show that our household chooses to serve God?
3. In the first two columns of the Family Service Chart, identify what chores each family member does. Each time a chore is named ask why the chore is done. (Expect “because I have to” as an answer.)
4. Talk about how each chore serves God and the others in your household, and play the “rename game.” Help each other rename each chore. For example, “making supper” might be renamed as “serving God’s household dinner” or “cleaning my room” might become, “taking care of God’s blessings”. Enter the new names on the Family Service Chart. Place your Family Service Chart in a place for everyone to see.
5. End by memorizing together, “as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”
6. Variation: Everyone color a picture of themselves serving their family and serving God through chores.

Family Service Chart

Family member's name	Description of Chore	Renamed service	How does this serve others?	How often do you do this?

“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

