

## Evaluating Your Service

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Every time your family does something to serve or help others, take time afterward to reflect on the experience. Encourage family members to share their thoughts and feelings with each other.

**For**  
Teen Family

**Season**  
Summer

### Needed

Bible, bookmarks or slips of paper, Reflecting on Your Serving worksheet (see last page), pens or pencils

### Prepare in Advance

Place bookmarks in your Bible at Matthew 25:34-40 and Luke 3:10-11. Make a copy of Reflecting on Your Serving worksheet (see last page) for each family member.

### Activity Plan

1. Pray aloud to begin:

*God, help us to reflect honestly about our service to others so that we can learn from the experience and continue to serve in Jesus' name. Amen.*

2. From your Bible or the text at the end of this activity, ask someone to read aloud Matthew 25:34-40. Have another family member read aloud Luke 3:10-11. After hearing these passages, discuss what they seem to be saying about serving others. What does it mean to serve others in the name of Christ?
3. Choose a service project to complete as a family. If you need ideas, choose one from this section of the Vibrant Faith @ Home website: [Serving Activities](#).
4. Soon after you complete the service project, gather and give each family member a copy of the Reflecting on Your Serving worksheet and a pen or pencil.
5. After everyone finishes the worksheet, talk about what each one wrote. Discuss these questions:
  - What did you learn from this service project?
  - What surprised you about this service project?
  - Why is it helpful to take a moment to reflect on a service project after completing it?
  - How does evaluating a service project help with the next service project?
  - What ideas do you have for another service project our family can do?

**Matthew 25:34-40**

<sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

**Luke 3:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked [John the Baptist], "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."



## Reflecting on Your Serving

Service-learning expert Kate McPherson suggests reflecting on your serving by answering three key questions: What? Now what? So what? After you do something to serve or help others, take a quiet moment to answer these questions.

### ***What?***

- What did you do during this service project?
  
- In what ways did your work combine with the work of others during this service project?

### ***So What?***

- How meaningful was this way of serving for you?
  
- What did you learn about yourself, about other people, and about God because you served in this way?

### ***Now What?***

- What has this service project inspired you to do?
  
- How and when will you serve again?

