Some people will never listen to Jesus' message unless it comes from someone who cares enough to meet their needs. In other words, we may have to feed people's stomachs before feeding their souls, or clean up their neighborhood before we can help clean up their lives. We can often do more to point people to Christ by serving them than by anything we say.

Here are just a few ways you could imitate Jesus by serving and meeting others' needs at school, at home, and in your community. Remember, serving can lend credibility to your witness, give you influence with others, and open doors of opportunity to talk about your faith in Jesus.

SERVING AT SCHOOL:

- Videotape school sporting events or plays.
- Drop a note of appreciation on your teacher's desk.
- Offer to pick up trash after a game.
- Buy a gift certificate for your coach or band director.
- Send birthday cards to classmates.
- Check up on students who have been in the hospital.
- Help non-Christian friends with their homework.
- Become a lab partner with a non-Christian.
- Show a new student around.

SERVING IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

- Pick up trash in your neighborhood or park.
- Gather clothes for a local charity.
- Volunteer to serve meals at a homeless shelter.
- Volunteer to mow your neighbor's lawn, rake leaves, or shovel snow.
- Volunteer to baby-sit for people you know.
- Stop by church and volunteer to help a pastor in any way necessary.
 - Serve refreshments at city league softball games.

SERVING AT HOME:

- Take your mom or dad out for coffee or lunch.
- Write your grandparents and tell them that you love them.
- Make a special dessert for the family.
- Clean the garage.
- Call or text your parents just to say, "I love you."
- Thoroughly clean your room—or even the whole house.
- Take your little brother or sister out for ice cream.
- Wash your parents' cars.
- Do what your parents ask you to do without arguing or complaining.