



God's People Serve One Another

MAIN IDEAS

- The members of Jesus' church are to look to the needs of others, and not just our own needs.
- Every Christian has been given gifts and abilities in order that they might serve one another.

MEMORY WORK

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:—1 Peter 4:10

SCRIPTURE FOR THE LESSON

1) 1 Peter 4:10

2) Philippians 2:3-4

3) Galatians 5:13

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Read 1 Peter 4:10. Talk with your child about some specific ways that people in your church serve the members in various ways. Be sure to include both highly visible roles and more "hidden" roles. Ask: *Do each of these types of service have the same qualifications? Why not? But are all important? Why?* (Recall 1 Corinthians 12:21-22.) *In what ways could a child serve the church?*

Recall that Jesus had a last supper with His disciples on the night that He was arrested. One of the things that He did was wash His disciples' feet. Read and talk about John 13:12a-15. Point out that, in Jesus' time, washing the feet of your dinner guests was a very lowly, icky job that you had your servant do. *What does Jesus want us to understand about serving one another? Do you look for ways to serve in the church based on how "special" the job is or appears to others? Why is having a humble spirit important for serving others in a way that is pleasing to Jesus?*

Read and talk about Philippians 2:3-4. Give your child examples from everyday family life of what this looks like. Ask: *Do you like to "be served" by others? Why? Do you express thanks to those who serve you, or do you simply expect others to serve you? Do you seek to serve others? Can you give some examples?* Next, read and talk about verses 5-7. Ask: *In what ways do you need to grow in having the attitude of Jesus? What would help you to grow in this way?*

ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from Galatians 5:13b. Then follow the instructions in the boxes.



...through _____ one another.—Galatians 5:13b

Name at least five ways members of the church have served you.

What is at least one way you could serve the members of the church this month?

What are at least two ways you could show thankfulness to those who have served you?