

Loving and Giving in Service (from Dec. 7, 2009 meeting)

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Within Your Community

There are groups and organizations all around your community who could use your help serving others.

FREE IDEAS

- Donate gently used toys to a women's shelter or the church nursery.
- Organize a neighborhood clean-up day.
- Donate gently used books to a local library.
- Organize a blood drive or go and donate blood together.
- Visit a nursing home with your children.

GROUP PROJECT IDEAS

- Create goodie bags for siblings of hospital patients.
- Make and distribute emergency homeless bags (band aids, non-perishable food, water bottles, toilet paper, travel toiletries, etc) to hand out to homeless people.
- Support a local teen MOPS group by providing a speaker, mentoring, MOPPETS childcare or a meal for their meeting.
- Contact a local women's shelter, find out their needs and fill one.
- Make sack lunches for a homeless shelter to distribute.
- Send get-well cards to hospitalized children.
- Organize a food drive and twice a year stock a local food bank.
- Pair up with a local Teen, Military or Incarcerated MOPS group to provide support.

Within Your World

Our world is full of needs, sometimes too great for us to even imagine; but we can make a difference. Hold fast to the idea that you can and you will make a difference one step at a time.

FREE IDEAS

- Commit to praying for a specific area of the world or a group of people.
- Reach out to moms in other parts of the world through the internet.
- Read books to your children about children in other parts of the world and talk about similarities and differences.
- Look at maps together and have a globe in your house to help your family realize that they are just a piece of the puzzle and that God does have the whole world in his hands.

For more ideas, visit <http://www.doinggoodtogether.org/>