



Service: Getting Started

Inspiring Words

Among the greatest of all services that can possibly be rendered by man to Almighty God is the education and training of children, young plants of the Abha Paradise, so that these children, fostered by grace in the way of salvation, growing like pearls of divine bounty in the shell of education, will one day bejewel the crown of abiding glory.

(Abdu'l-Baha, Selections from the Writings of Abdu'l-Baha, p. 133)

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Questions to Consider

How do I currently model Service?

What are ways I would like to model Service better?

How does my child currently exhibit Service?

What aspects of showing Service can I help my child work on?



Service: Foundation

Prayer

O my God, my Lord and my Master! I have detached myself from my kindred and have sought through Thee to become independent of all that dwell on earth and ever ready to receive that which is praiseworthy in Thy sight. Bestow on me such good as will make me independent of aught else but Thee, and grant me an ampler share of Thy boundless favors. Verily, Thou art the Lord of grace abounding.

(The Bab, Baha'i Prayers, p. 19)

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Quotation

Arise thou to serve God and help His Cause.

(Baha'u'llah, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p. 47)

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Introduction to the Virtue

Service is helping others without being asked to. It is paying attention to their needs and doing what we can to contribute to their lives. When we work with a spirit of service we do our best to help people no matter who they are, what they need, or where they are from. We value others and want to help them in every way we can. Offering service changes the world for the better. When we serve others, we serve God.

How do your parents show Service?

How does it feel when someone offers Service to you?

What are some ways you enjoy being of Service?

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Songs

Service

(Nabil H., *Virtues In Us #38*)

I like to serve my friends everyday
I like to serve my friends in every way
The service that I do can bring a smile or two
I like to serve my friends everyday!

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Teaching Peace

(Red Grammer, *Teaching Peace #1*)

Teaching peace all the world around
You and me, every city every town
One by one, in our work and in our play
We are teaching peace by what we do
and what we say

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Service: Daily Activities

Activities for Every Month

1. Spiritual Treasure Box project (prayer).	2. Assemble the booklet.	3. Make a Monthly Letter.
4. Spiritual Treasure Box (quotation).	5. Make Radiant Hearts Book page.	6. Add a jewel to the Crown of Virtues.

Games and Role Plays

7. "Today we're going pretend we are servers in a restaurant to learn about having a spirit of service." Visit a restaurant or role play what happens in one. Notice the server's attitude and how you feel when they serve you in a kind, loving way. Now pretend you are a server and practice an attitude of service. Service
8. "Today we're going to play Superhero Service." Tie a long sleeve shirt around your neck like a cape and rush to the rescue by offering an act of service to everyone in your house. Superheroes help people whenever they can, and use their strength and powers to serve others. You can offer Superhero Service any time! Service
9. "Today we're going to visit a place in the community which offers service to those in need." Visit a soup kitchen, daycare, or home for the elderly. Notice the traits of the people who work there. Say thank you to the people who work there and tell them that you appreciate the service they offer to the community. Service
10. "Today we're going to practice how we can act when someone offers Service to us." Throughout the day many people serve us. They give us food, clean for us, help us, and sell things to us. Practice how you can act when people serve you. Do you take time to appreciate them and notice how they are serving you? Do you smile and say thank you? Role play people serving you and how you can respond to them. Then practice acting that way throughout the day! Service
11. "Today we're going to put on our Shoes of Service and go on a walk to perform acts of service." Mark some shoes with an "S" (tape on an "S" written on paper or write it in marker on the bottom of the shoe) to make Shoes of Service. Find pieces of trash you can pick up, weeds you can pull, people you can smile at, or toys you can put away. Every time you wear these shoes, remember to serve others! Service
12. "Today we're going to try to guess what Service needs to be done in our household and do it before anyone asks us to." Having an attitude of Service is finding ways to offer help before anyone asks us to. Go around your house and find ways to serve. You may like to think about how your house looks when it's tidy and organized, and find ways to make it that way. Think about the meals coming up and help get the food ready. Observe the people around you and consider if they need something to make them feel more comfortable or some help with what they are doing. When we are practicing Service, we actively look for ways to help. Service

Service: Daily Activities (continued)

Creative Arts

<p>13. "Today we're going to make Stars of Service." Cut out the words on page 6 of the Printables and glue them onto stars cut out from colored paper. Put them in your bag to give away over the next few weeks as people offer Service to you such as cashiers, teachers, bus drivers, waiters, mail carriers, or security officers. Service</p>
<p>14. "Today we're going to make a stash of Secret Services." Sometimes when we offer service, others may never know what we did for them. Getting thanked or acknowledged for what we do is not important. The joy we feel from serving others is the best reward of all. Who offered the service sometimes remains a secret. Cut out the Secret Services on page 6 (and add your own) and put them into a container. Choose one to do, and keep the container out so that everyone can take one when they feel like it. Remember to offer these in secret and do not expect anything in return for the Secret Services you perform! Service</p>
<p>15. "Today we're going to list the ways our family serves others." Make a list of ways your family offers Service. The acts of service may be for your own family, in a workplace, a school, or a community. Your family may also contribute to some state, national, or worldwide agencies which offer service as well. Service</p>
<p>16. "Today we're going to make a picture for someone who offers Service to us." Choose a person who serves your child and draw a picture of your child with that person. Help your child present the picture with their thanks. Service</p>
<p>17. "Today we're going to learn about the Service provided by people in our community." Everything we have and use comes from somewhere. Many things pass through quite a few hands before getting to us. One example is food. Food doesn't just appear; people have to work and serve for us to get it. Illustrate the examples on page 7 of the Printables to see how much Service went into the food we eat, and think about the same process for other things in your home. Service</p>
<p>18. "Today we're going to make up actions for a song, to think about one of the greatest Services we can offer to the world." Make up actions for the song "Teaching Peace" in the Basic Lesson. Teaching others about the Teachings of Baha'u'llah is one of the greatest services we can offer, because it will help everyone live in peace. Service</p>
<p>19. "Today we're going to draw a picture of how our family can be of Service to others." When we work together, we can offer even more Service. Choose a new way your family can offer Service and draw a picture of you all working together to serve others. Write down some plans for how to make this act of service come true! Service</p>

Visit the Online Lesson where you can see example photos of the daily activities, listen to the songs, and download the "Printables" document for this lesson:

<http://www.enablemetogrow.com/service/>