

Lesson 22

Service: Helping Others Like Jesus Did

What is Service?

Service means helping others who need our assistance. Jesus showed us how important it is to help others when He said, “I am among you as he that serveth” (Luke 22:27). Just like Jesus, we should also serve others with love and kindness.

Who Should Serve?

Everyone, no matter how old or where they come from, can serve others. Jesus taught that anyone who wants to be great should be willing to help others. It doesn't matter if we are rich or poor, young or old—everyone can serve.

Ways to Serve

There are many ways to serve others. We can share food or toys with those who don't have any. We can be a friend to someone who feels lonely. We can help our grandparents with chores or make a card for a sick friend. Even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to someone who needs help.

Why Should We Serve?

When we serve others, we are also serving God. God cares about everyone, and when we help someone in need, it's like we are helping God too. Jesus said that when we serve others, we are actually serving Him (Matthew 25:40). So, by serving others, we show our love for Jesus.

Blessings of Service

When we serve others, we also receive blessings in return. We become more loving and less selfish. Our own problems don't seem as big when we focus on helping others. Plus, serving others is an important part of getting to live with God again someday.

Opportunities to Serve

There are so many ways we can help others every day. We can help our family members by doing chores or being kind to our siblings. We can help our friends at school by sharing our things or standing up for them if they're being bullied. We can even help people we don't know by being friendly and offering to help when we see someone in need.

Scripture References:

- Luke 22:27 (Jesus serving others)
- Matthew 20:26–27 (Being great by serving)
- Matthew 25:34–40 (Serving others is like serving Jesus)

Title: "A Heart Full of Service"

In a bustling town nestled between rolling hills, there lived a girl named Sarah. With her bright eyes and warm smile, Sarah was known for her kindness and willingness to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

One sunny morning, as Sarah walked through the town square, she noticed an elderly woman struggling to carry her groceries home. Without hesitation, Sarah rushed to her side and offered to help.

"Thank you, dear," the woman said, her eyes twinkling with gratitude. "You truly have a heart full of service."

Inspired by the woman's words, Sarah made it her mission to seek out opportunities to serve others every day. Whether it was helping her neighbors with yard work, volunteering at the local soup kitchen, or simply offering a listening ear to those in need, Sarah embraced each opportunity with joy and compassion.

As she went about her days, Sarah discovered that service was not just about performing grand gestures—it was about the little things, the small acts of kindness that made a world of difference to those around her. From holding open doors to offering a comforting hug, Sarah found that even the simplest acts of service could brighten someone's day and fill their heart with joy.

But more than just bringing happiness to others, Sarah learned that service was also a way to grow closer to God. She remembered the words of Jesus, who taught that when we serve others, we are serving Him.

With each act of service, Sarah felt her own heart overflow with love and compassion. She realized that by giving of herself to others, she was receiving blessings beyond measure—blessings of love, joy, and a deep sense of fulfillment.

And as she looked out at the world around her, Sarah knew that she was part of something greater—a community of kindness and compassion, where the spirit of service lived in every heart.

For Sarah, service was not just a duty—it was a calling, a way of life that brought meaning and purpose to her days. And with each new opportunity to serve, she embraced the chance to make a difference in the world and share the light of love with all those she met.