



Engage in a Local Church

Best Use

Introduce your kids to the idea of engaging in a local church by serving.

Value

This idea can trigger meaningful dialogue about using the gifts God has given you to serve Him in the local church.

Advance Preparation

Get a few pieces of each child's favorite candy. Have a Bible nearby.

Activity—Frozen Arms

Tell the children that you magically froze their arms so they cannot bend their elbows or wrists. Place candy in the middle of the table and tell them they can each eat one. Without bending their arms, however, they will be unable to serve themselves.

Without your help, they must figure out how to serve one another to get the good stuff. When they are done, explain that we are all called to serve those who are unable to serve themselves and that the real blessing comes back to us.

Read and discuss the following Scriptures.

- Mark 10:43-45 (Jesus described servants as “great.”)
- Philippians 2:5-7 (Jesus modeled humility and service.)
- James 1:27 (Christians should care for others.)

Reflection

Talk about how each of you can engage in service at Midland Evangelical Free Church. Some ideas include checking out opportunities at the GoLocal Center, serving in children's worship, or picking up trash and bulletins after the service.

Recommended Resources

Check out the following books from the Midland Evangelical Free Church Library.

77 Ways Your Family Can Make a Difference by Penny Zeller

Families on Mission by Angie Quantrell

“More than any other single way, the grace of humility is worked into our lives through the discipline of service.” -Richard Foster *Celebration of Discipline*

For more great ideas on how to teach how to engage in a local church by serving check out the resources available from Faith Path at the Faith@Home Center. Specifically check out the milestone entitled “Giving and Serving,” “Launch,” and “Worship.”

