



**KIDS
SMALL
GROUPS**



**CHILDREN'S
301**

HOW TO SERVE JESUS

**A Journey to
Discover My S.H.A.P.E.**



LESSON 2

TO SERVE OR BE SERVED?

(Having a Servant's Attitude)

BEGIN THE JOURNEY:

Let's be honest everyone enjoys a little pampering, a little tender loving care and being served at some point and time. Having lunch packed or being given lunch money is great. Some homework help when you are stumped is super helpful. A meal at your favorite restaurant is a real treat. We have all been served by someone else – mom, dad, brother, sister or friend – in one of these ways. The list of ways other people serve you is probably pretty long.

On the flip side, how long is your list of ways you serve others? Everyone enjoys being served, but it isn't always easy to serve others, putting them before yourself. Here is an "all-too-familiar" situation: You are relaxing on the couch, watching your favorite movie on T.V. with your best friends. Mom is busy in the kitchen washing the humongous piles of dishes. The phone rings. What do you do?!?!?



Jesus was perfect and deserved to be served – served food, carried from place to place, waited on hand and foot. But did Jesus expect this? NO! Jesus would have felt very uncomfortable having others serve him. Did Jesus want to be served? NO!!!

Matthew 20:26-28 makes this clear, "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus came to this Earth to serve, NOT to be served.



SEEK THE TREASURE:

"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Matthew 20:28**

UNCOVER THE TRUTH:

Find three examples of how Jesus came to serve. List where you found the example in the Bible (i.e., John 3:16).

1. Jesus served

Bible reference:

2. Jesus served

Bible reference:

3. Jesus served

Bible reference:

	Who does God tell you to serve?	How can you serve this person?
Proverbs 19:17		
Galatians 6:10		
James 1:27		
James 2:15-16		

Honestly, what do you do in the "all-too-familiar" situation?

FIND THE PURPOSE:

Who do you need to serve rather than letting others serve you?

What is something you enjoy doing and can turn into an act of service?

We all have those times when it is easier for mom to get you a drink because she's in the kitchen or we really need a friend to loan us some money just one more time. Can you think of a time you struggled with really wanting to be served rather than to serve someone else?

Why do you personally want to choose to serve over being served?

How can you stay motivated to serve rather than turning back to a life of being served?

FUN

FACTS

In one year, fast food restaurants serve almost nine billion hamburgers. One restaurant in Pennsylvania even serves a 6 lb. hamburger that comes with two whole tomatoes, ½ head of lettuce, 12 slices of American cheese, a cup of peppers, two whole onions and large quantities of mayonnaise, ketchup and mustard. Serve up the hamburgers!!!



EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AT HOME:

TO HELP YOU PRAY:

- Be thankful for the example Jesus set of what it means to serve and not to be served.
- Pray for strength to follow Jesus' servant leadership.
- Pray God will reveal opportunities in your week to serve others.

QUIET TIME CHECK-IN:

Day ONE Acts 4:1-22

Day TWO Acts 4:23-37

Day THREE Acts 5:1-16

Day FOUR Acts 5:17-42

Day FIVE Acts 6:1-15

ONE WAY TO SPEND TIME WITH GOD:

Find an example of a community service organization with your parents (online, in the newspaper, etc.) and lift them and their service up, specifically, to God in prayer.

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My child and I reviewed this lesson together.

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me on _____.

Parent Signature: _____

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