

SERVICE PROJECT FUN SHEET

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RECORD AN AUDIOBOOK FOR LIBRIVOX	DECORATE AN ONLINE TREE FOR SHARE-A-TREE	MAKE THANK YOU CARDS TO HAVE READY FOR CHRISTMAS & BIRTHDAYS	FUND A \$25 MICRO-LOAN VIA KIVA.ORG	PARTICIPATE IN AN ANGEL TREE THROUGH PRISON FELLOWSHIP
MAKE A GIVING LIST - A LIST OF GIFTS YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE INSTEAD RECEIVE	PACK A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX FOR OPERATION SHOEBOX	DELIVER A HOT DRINK TO SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN OUTSIDE IN THE COLD ALL DAY	BUY A GOAT/ BEES/ETC FOR A FAMILY IN NEED IN A THIRD-WORLD COUNTRY	DELIVER A HOT CHOCOLATE MIX OR BAKING MIX TO SOMEONE WHO LIVES ALONE
CHOOSE TOYS TO GIVE TO A TOY DRIVE	AS A FAMILY, EAT AT LEAST ONE MEAL A WEEK AT A COMMUNITY MEAL OR SHELTER	DRAW A CHEERY PICTURE FOR SOMEONE WHO'S ILL OR GRIEVING	MAKE "ON THE GO" BAGS TO HAVE READY FOR THOSE WHO ASK FOR HANDOUTS	READ AT A LOCAL NURSING HOME
WRITE A "GIFTS WE ALREADY HAVE" LIST & POST IT SO ANYONE CAN CONTINUE TO ADD TO IT	DELIVER OR DONATE BLANKETS TO THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE COLD	SING CAROLS WITH A SHUT-IN	CHOOSE 2-3 NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK	GO ON A TRASH WALK AND HELP CLEAN UP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
MAIL A CARD TO A RELATIVE THAT YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IN A WHILE	SIT WITH A CHILD WHO NEEDS A FRIEND AT LUNCH	ADOPT AND PARTNER WITH A LOW-INCOME FAMILY VIA THE GIVING TREE	DELIVER COOKIES OR CARDS TO THE OFFICE STAFF OF A LOCAL CHARITY	GATHER SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO DONATE TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS

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HELP CLEAN UP AFTER AN EVENT OR AFTER COFFEE AT CHURCH	CREATE A CARD TO SEND TO A HOSPITALIZED CHILD	MAKE A BLANKET FOR A CHILD IN NEED OF A BLANKIE	HELP A SIBLING WITH THEIR CHORES	BRING SEVERAL EXTRA BOTTLES OF BUBBLES TO THE PLAYGROUND & GIVE THEM AWAY
WEED A NEIGHBOR'S FLOWER BED OR BUSHES	MAKE PRETTY BOOKMARKS TO LEAVE IN LIBRARY BOOKS	OFFER TO CARRY SOMEONE'S GROCERIES AT THE GROCERY STORE	CLEAN UP TRASH IN A PARK OR COMMON AREA	BUY A TOY TO DONATE TO A CHARITY, SUCH AS TOYS FOR TOTS
SEND A BIRTHDAY CARD TO A MISSIONARY OR TO A MEMBER OF THEIR FAMILY	GATHER GAMES TO DONATE TO CHILDREN AT A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	MAKE A MEAL FOR SOMEONE	HELP NEIGHBORS BRING IN THEIR TRASH CANS ON TRASH DAY	SWEEP THE SIDEWALK OR RAKE THE YEARD FOR A NEIGHBOR OR SOMEONE IN NEED
TAPE A BAG OF QUARTERS TO A WASHER AT A LAUNDROMAT OR ON A PARKING METER	DONATE FOOD TO AN ANIMAL SHELTER	DONATE DVDS TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL	PARTICIPATE IN A WORK BEE	MAKE A CARD AND DELIVER IT WITH FLOWERS TO AN ELDERLY NEIGHBOR
WRITE THANK YOU CARDS TO YOUR TEACHERS	DONATE NEW PAJAMAS TO A LOCAL YOUTH SHELTER	LEAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOUR MAIL CARRIER	DONATE BOOKS TO A LIBRARY OR A DOCTOR'S OFFICE	DELIVER CASES OF BOTTLED WATER TO A SHELTER OR THE RED CROSS

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Record an audiobook for Librivox	Make thank you cards - Design and create the thank you cards you'll write as soon as Christmas Day is over OR to have on hand for birthdays and other times a heartfelt "thank you" is needed
Fund a \$25 micro-loan via Kiva.org and help your child track how the loan is paid back. This is a FANTASTIC way to interface lessons about generosity, financial stewardship, and economics.	Deliver a hot chocolate mix or baking mix to someone who lives alone
Deliver hot drinks to someone who's been outside in the cold all day	Participate in an Angel Tree (Prison Fellowship)
Buy a goat/bees/etc for a family in need – World Vision, Partners International, Compassion International, and other wonderful organizations coordinate these kind of gifts	Pack a Christmas shoebox for Operation Shoebox
Make a Giving List – rather than write a list of gifts you'd like to receive, write out a list of gifts you'd like to give	Write a "Gifts We Already Have" list – start a list naming all the gifts & blessings you have been given. Post it in a central location and make it easy for anyone to contribute to regularly
Make "on the go" bags to give to those who ask for handouts	Draw a cheery picture for someone who's ill or grieving
Eat at least one meal a week as a family at a community meal or shelter to give opportunity to talk and share with people in hard situations. Or, volunteer to help serve the meal.	Choose toys to give to a toy drive
Read at a local nursing home	Sing carols with a shut-in
Deliver or donate blankets to those who sleep in the cold – If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable delivering blankets yourself, donate the blankets to a shelter.	Make a "grateful jar" for each family member and whenever you think of something you're grateful for about that family member, write it down and place it in their jar
Choose 2 or 3 non-perishable food items to donate to a local food bank. Or, if you've got the time and energy, help your child organize a food drive in your neighborhood or at their school.	Mail a card to a relative that you have not seen in a while

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Create a card to send to a hospitalized child	Sit with a child who needs a friend at lunch
Make a blanket for a child in need of a blankie	Adopt and partner with a low-income family via The Giving Tree – a Giving Tree pairs families with families in your area who can't afford gifts for their children
Deliver cookies or cards to the office staff of a local charity	Gather school supplies to donate to your child's class
Help a sibling with their chores	Give out small bottles of bubbles at the playground or a park
Weed a neighbor's flower bed or bushes	Make pretty bookmarks to leave in library books - be sure to write a note that the bookmark is intended to be used and shared!
Offer to carry someone's groceries at the grocery store	Clean up trash in a park or playground
Together choose an unused toy to donate to a charity, such as Toys for Tots	Send a birthday card or a Christmas card to a missionary or to a member of their family
Gather games to donate to children at a children's hospital	Make a meal for someone
Help neighbors bring in their trash cans on trash day	Sweep the walkway, shovel the sidewalk, or rake the yard for a neighbor or someone in need

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Tape a bag of quarters - along with a note - to a washer at a laundromat or on a parking meter.	Donate food to an animal shelter - it's a good idea to call ahead to see what type of food is needed or if there are special needs
Donate DVDs to a local hospital - be sure they're appropriate for public viewing	Participate in or organize a work bee at church, at the local community center, or in your neighborhood
Make a card and deliver it with flowers to an elderly neighbor	Write thank you cards to your teachers
Donate new pajamas to a local youth shelter	Leave something special for your mail carrier
Donate books to a library or a doctor's office	Deliver cases of bottled water to a shelter or the Red Cross