

# SERVE DAY

## Project Planning Guide



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# VISION

**The vision of Serve Day is for us, the local church, to go into our communities and love our neighbors. We will take on practical projects, and through these acts of service, we hope people's hearts will be opened to the love of Jesus.**

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

GALATIANS 5:13-14 ESV

## PROJECT STEPS

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### STEP ONE

#### Choose a Project

Discuss the following questions with your group to help decide on a Serve Day project.

- Who in your neighborhood has a need?
- What business or organization within your sphere of influence could use a blessing?
- What are some areas you're passionate about?
- What serve opportunities best suit our group's skills and abilities? (Prayer, worship, teaching, physical labor, etc.)
- What resources do we have access to?

Once your group has discussed the options, decide together on the best project for your group.

## 2 STEP TWO

### Plan Your Project

- Familiarize your group with the individual or organization you're serving.
- Determine if your project has the capacity for others to serve with your group on Serve Day, and if so, make your group "public" when registering.
- Register your project at [golvingwater.com/serveday](http://golvingwater.com/serveday).
- Make a list of preparations and assign responsibilities according to each group member's skills and gifts.
- Make sure all group members have access to project details.

## 3 STEP THREE

### Serve

- Meet your group the morning of Serve Day at Living Water ready to serve @ 9AM! We will start off together with prayer. We will:
  - Pray first
  - Love people.
  - Have fun!

Be sure to post photos on social media and tag them #ServeDay #golvingwater.

**To register your project or find small group curriculum specific to serving and evangelism go to [golvingwater.com/serveday](http://golvingwater.com/serveday) or scan the code below.**



# 160 Project Ideas

1. Balloons and a cookie cake for a gas station attendant ... just because
2. Dignity kits for middle school/high school girls
3. Bus stop cleanups
4. Painting fire hydrants for the Fire Department
5. Organize a teacher's classroom
6. Organize a single mom's kid closets
7. Help a single mom/widow clean her house
8. Yard work for an elderly person
9. Change lightbulbs for an elderly person
10. Cold drinks for construction workers
11. Cold drinks for city employees
12. Return carts for people at a grocery store
13. Flowers for DHR employees and social workers
14. Doughnuts for department of revenue employees
15. Respite care for foster families
16. Respite care for special needs families
17. Chili cook-off with team to serve to homeless
18. Refill bird feeders for VA or nursing homes
19. Help College students move into their university
20. Have free furniture available for international college students
21. Pick up trash in a busy community
22. Clean up under interstate bridges
23. Host a free yard sale
24. Play card games with senior citizens
25. Free digital photography for families
26. Letters of hope for inmates (partner with a local organization)
27. Prayer walks around schools and communities
28. Host a talent show for children with disabilities
29. Pancakes in the park for homeless
30. Collect diapers and formula for a pregnancy center
31. Collect gently used or new coats for children in the winter
32. Rake and bag leaves
33. Free popcorn in the park
34. Schools usually provide paint, provide volunteers to paint a hallway
35. Cut down hanging tree limbs for single moms/widows/elderly
36. Detail cars for families while they grocery shop
37. Cookie bake-off with team ... package cookies and give to families leaving Walmart
38. Partner with a local dentist - give away toothbrushes and toothpaste to kids

39. Shoe shine station - clean up sneakers on the streets
40. Set up printers outside of a school community and print items for families
41. Canvas a neighborhood and do yard work for an entire block
42. Partner with grocery store... bag groceries... walk to the car... no tip
43. Paint rocks and write encouraging messages to put around city
44. Create a drive-thru prayer and offer hope/encouragement
45. Shovel a driveway that's covered in snow
46. Take grocery order for families with no vehicles shop and deliver them
47. Pumpkin painting contest
48. Sidewalk chalk words of encouragement at a school
49. Free haircuts for the homeless
50. Free haircuts for children
51. Kill the weeds in a neighborhood yard
52. Pedicures for expectant moms at a pregnancy center
53. Wheelchair/walker shining, tune up and tennis balls for walkers
54. Coffee for garbage truck drivers
55. Breakfast for school bus drivers
56. Flowers for fast food restaurant drive thru employee
57. Paint fingernails for elderly or disabled
58. Free gift-wrapping station outside of Walmart
59. Prayer walks around hospital
60. Prayer for nurses and doctors in parking lot
61. Worship songs at a nursing home or rehabilitate center
62. Homeroom Helpers – Teacher's assistants – cut out items, laminate, organize
63. Hold signs of encouragement as Teacher's arrive to school... offer coffee and donuts upon arrival
64. Adopt a school and clean up
65. Adopt a school and volunteer at bus drop off times
66. Give away dog snacks at dog park – Or make puppoccinos in the park – whip cream in a paper cup
67. Bless the bank tellers or postal worker with a candy bar and a coke
68. Front Porch make-overs for a community
69. Read a story book to a class at a school
70. Pressure wash driveways in a neighborhood
71. Make treat bags for emergency room patients
72. Donuts for 911 operators
73. Socks for students – provide socks for elementary students
74. Free soda at stoplights
75. Candles and lighters for the homeless
76. Free Hot Cocoa or Hot Cider at a local park

77. Encouraging signs in yards
78. Cereal boxes give away
79. Water for Hikers
80. Children's Library books drive for a local school
81. Help a family move
82. New door mats for homes
83. Head shots for local businesses/realtors/insurance agents
84. Free Lemonade and cookie stand – kids serve
85. Washing windows or wiping snow off cars for hospital staff
86. Free car inspection for families
87. Minor car repairs for a single mom
88. Laundromat outreach... Set up a TV with a movie and popcorn while they wash clothes
89. Parents night out – watch kids at church so parents can have a date
90. Cake decorating at nursing home... buy small sheet cakes or bake cakes
91. Give coloring books and crayons to moms with kids at Walmart or grocery store
92. Give Balloons to kids at a grocery store
93. Birthday party for the homeless... no matter when the birthday is... balloons and a cupcake
94. Make suncatchers for nursing homes
95. Portraits for senior citizens
96. Acts of Kindness scavenger hunt for outreach team... Take pics of AOK's in action
97. Pizza delivery... deliver hot pizzas and a 2 liter of soda for dinner
98. Thick socks and lip balm for the homeless
99. Snacks for backpacks... package snacks for students
100. Redesign Hallway Billboards for a local school
101. Provide teddy bears for police to give children on domestic violent visits
102. Clean and organize a library
103. Decorate a yard for Christmas
104. Clean up graffiti for the city
105. Help students in a community practice handwriting skills, reading skills or math skills
106. Free window washer fluid for customers at a gas station
107. Loaf of bread, jar of peanut butter, jar of jelly and plastic utensils for the homeless
08. Clean out cars at carpool for parents
109. Free water bottles at carpool
110. Cake pan with box of cake mix, measuring spoon and measuring cup to give to families

111. Have an entire team send an encouraging text all at the same time
112. Play Bingo with a nursing home
113. Restoring reading glasses... repairing glasses for homeless, nursing home or veterans... have new reading glasses available
114. Host a family style dinner in a community or for the homeless
115. Clean picnic tables in a park and or restore playground equipment
116. Stock a Teacher's Lounge with snacks
117. Finger Painting with kids or play doh
118. Write a story with a group of kids and then have the children read it aloud
119. Gloves or mittens for grocery store employees gathering carts
120. Meals at Motels... serve a meal for families living in motels
121. S'mores Tent in a parking lot... Use Sternos and invite people to make a smore.
122. Business Blast – Bless local businesses with donuts or a sweet treat.
123. Early morning Breakfast for Garbage Men before they start their route.
124. PJ's and Pancakes – New Pajamas and a box of pancake mix for foster children.
125. Back to School Blast – Backpacks full of school supplies.
126. Snacks in a Backpack – work with local School Counselors; find children in need; provide meals to prepare for the weekend... mac & cheese, ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc.
127. Pop-Up Baby Shower in a community... diapers, wipes, formula and of course CAKE!
128. Free Medical Exams for a community... work with local doctors and nurses.
129. Outdoor Fresh Vegetables and Fruit Market in a "food desert" community.
130. Snack Pack, Bring it Back... Provide the box or bag with a list of snacks. When returned, take box to a local school counselor.
131. Market Style Adopt-a-Block – Free plants, food, and arts and crafts for the community.
132. Giving Tree – Christmas outreach – place tree with gift names like bike, curling iron, baby dolls. Allow people to take tags and bring back to business. Use gifts for children in the community at Christmas.
133. Fall Carnival- Petting Zoo, face painting, relay races, popcorn, relay races.
134. Free Pumpkin Patch ... set up pumpkins and allow community to have one for free.
135. Haircuts for homeless... Have stylist provide updos or styles for women and beard trimmings for men.

136. Foster Care Kids Closet... organize a closet when children are taken into foster care, the families can come and shop for clothes and shoes.
137. Skilled team to build a wheelchair ramp for the disabled. Consider partnering with a construction company.
138. Coats for Kids... mittens, scarves and winter coats.
139. Birthday cards for the homeless with a meal card inside
140. Rent Jumping Houses for a community
141. Teacher's Lounge Makeover – Fridge, Microwave & Keurig
142. Partner with local food bank and provide a month's worth of groceries for a family.
143. GED Prep for students in a youth detention.
144. Teacher's kit – Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, snacks and sharpies.
145. Cup of Joy – Mug with K-Cup, sugar packet, creamer and encouraging card.
146. Veterans Day Outreach – Honor a veteran with a gift basket on Veteran's Day.
147. Clean up an abandoned cemetery. Add flowers for tombstone.
148. Laundry Baskets of Love – full of laundry items and deliver to people washing clothes at laundromat.
149. Make wreaths for nursing home doors.
150. Surprise a single mom with a Christmas Tree Makeover. Provide tree, decorations and assembly.
151. Prayer tents at hospitals. Provide prayer for hospital staff before or after a shift change.
152. Mother's Day – Provide an oil change gift certificate for single moms or widows.
153. Host the After-School care at a local school and provide a movie with popcorn and a soda.
154. Karate lessons for a community
155. Swimming Lessons for a community at a local YMCA or Boys and Girls Club.
156. Practice reading with kids.
157. Family Game Night Bags – UNO, Popcorn, soda and a pizza gift card.
158. Grocery Store Surprise – Surprise someone at a store and pay for their groceries.
159. Create Resumes for homeless, At-Risk-Women or Foster Teens aging out of foster care.
160. Graffiti Clean Up – Paint offensive graffiti walls near schools.



