



Summer TO SERVE

A SUMMERTIME HANDBOOK
FOR KIDS!

HOW TO GATHER FRIENDS, MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
AND HAVE FUN ALONG THE WAY



HEY KIDS!

WELCOME TO SUMMER. YOU MADE IT.
YOU'VE WORKED HARD, YOU'VE STUDIED,
YOU'VE GOT UP EARLY AND
IT IS TIME FOR SUN & FUN.

WHAT ELSE COULD YOU DO WITH YOUR TIME DURING THE SUMMER?



HERE ARE SOME THINGS MOST KIDS DO DURING THE SUMMER

- & PLAY OUTSIDE
- & SWIM
- & VISIT FAMILY
- & SLEEP IN
- & GET WET
- & PLAY WITH FRIENDS
- & TRY SOMETHING NEW
- & GO TO CAMP

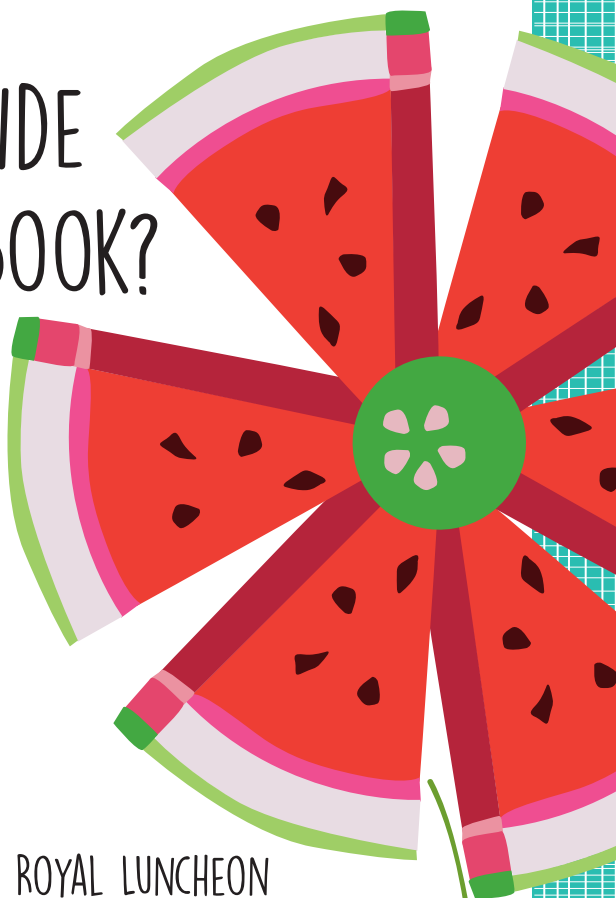
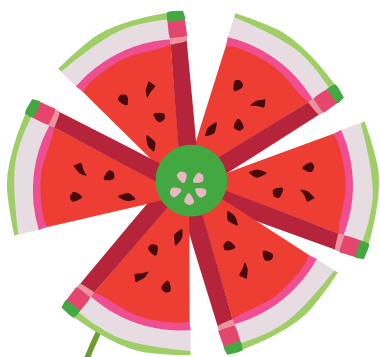
WHAT IF WE ADDED
ONE MORE THING TO THE LIST?



AND WHAT IF SERVING COULD BE FUN? WHAT IF YOU INVITED YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU
AND IT LOOKED MORE LIKE AN ADVENTURE THAN A CHORE? LET'S DO IT.

Did you know? THAT GOD USES ALL OF HIS CHILDREN TO LIGHT UP THE
WORLD? YEP! IF YOU ARE AGE 4, 8, 12 — IT DOESN'T MATTER. HE NEEDS *you!*

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"I LIKE TO SEE OTHERS
HAPPY WHEN I DO
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THEM, IT MAKES ME
SMILE TOO."
MARAN, AGE 7

BIG IDEA & 1

A ROYAL LUNCHEON

RAISE YOUR HANDS IF YOU HAVE SEEN MASTER CHEF? OR IF YOU'VE BEEN DYING TO COOK? ALRIGHT LITTLE CHEFS, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE. IF YOU TELL YOUR PARENTS THIS IS FOR A GOOD CAUSE, THEY JUST MIGHT LET YOU IN THE KITCHEN.

DID YOU KNOW THE BIBLE ASKS US TO CARE FOR WIDOWS? WIDOWS ARE WOMEN THAT HAVE LOST THEIR HUSBANDS. RIGHT AROUND YOU (PROBABLY WITHIN A MILE OR TWO), I BET THERE ARE SEVERAL WOMEN THAT NEED A DELICIOUS LUNCH AND SOME EXTRA LOVE. ASK YOUR PARENTS IF THEY KNOW SOME OF THESE WOMEN OR ASK YOUR CHURCH.

CAN YOU IMAGINE IF THEY GOT AN INVITE FROM KIDS? TO A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY KIDS? AND WHAT IF YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HOSTED AND SERVED THE MEAL? AND EVEN HAD A ROOM (WITH HELP FROM ADULTS) TO WATCH THEIR KIDS?

I BET THESE VERY DESERVING LADIES WOULD FEEL LIKE ROYALTY! AND FEEL INCREDIBLY LOVED.

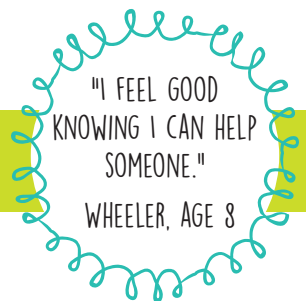
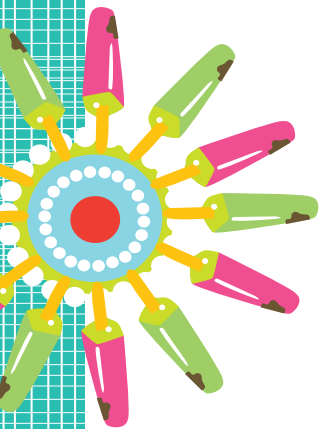
THAT'S A BIG IDEA TO SERVE OTHERS THIS SUMMER! A WAY YOU CAN SHINE YOUR LIGHT SO BRIGHT —

SO THAT OTHERS MAY
KNOW JESUS.

BIG IDEA & 2

IT'S A PORCH SALE

GATHER EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT FROM TOYS TO FURNITURE TO BOOKS AND PICK THE HOUSE WITH THE BEST PORCH AND BUSIEST NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS SELL ANYTHING YOU CAN AND RAISE MONEY FOR A CAUSE. PICK A CHARITY THAT IS CLOSE TO YOUR HEART. IS IT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH? OR A CANCER CENTER NEARBY? IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, I'D LOVE TO SUGGEST CARE FOR AIDS!



"I FEEL GOOD
KNOWING I CAN HELP
SOMEONE."

WHEELER, AGE 8



GO ON THEIR WEBSITE (CAREFORAIDS.ORG) AND JUST WATCH HOW THEY USE THE MONEY. IT'S PRETTY COOL HOW YOUR MONEY CAN CHANGE LIVES OF FAMILIES ALL THE WAY ACROSS AN OCEAN.

DON'T FORGET TO DO A LEMONADE STAND! AND DO NOT FORGET TO ADVERTISE. YOU CAN USE SIGNS ON THE CORNERS, YOUR PARENTS' INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS TO SPREAD THE WORD. GET THE WORD OUT THAT KIDS ARE HOSTING A SALE FOR A CAUSE AND ALL THE PROCEEDS ARE BEING DONATED.

LAST TIP — **PRAY**. WHEN YOU PRAY AND ASK GOD TO BRING PEOPLE — HE WILL.

BIG IDEA & 3

ONE KIND CAR WASH

"I LOVE
TO SERVE
TO BE
NICE."

—LARSON, AGE 7

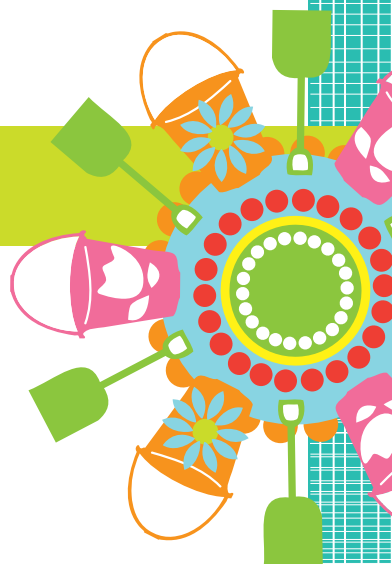
PICK A DAY, PICK A PLACE, AND PICK ONE AWESOME ORGANIZATION. YOU CAN RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR LOCAL CHURCH, OR FOR A FAMILY TRYING TO ADOPT, OR FOR A FRIEND WITH CANCER. THERE ARE SO MANY FAMILIES AND MINISTERS THAT WOULD LOVE TO SEE A GROUP OF KIDS WORKING TOGETHER. THEY NEED YOU! EVERY PENNY AND DOLLAR COUNTS.

GET THOSE BATHING SUITS ON AND SHINE UP SOME CARS WITH BIG SMILES. YOUR LOVE OF GOD AND HEART FOR OTHERS WILL SHINE THROUGH.

THE SUMMER IS HOT AND MY KIDS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A REASON TO SPRAY EACH OTHER WITH A HOSE. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE. GATHER SOME FRIENDS AND GET YOUR PLAN. YOU CAN WASH A LOT OF CARS FOR A GREAT CAUSE. YOU JUST NEED A PLAN.

"IT'S REALLY FUN TO BE KIND AND SURPRISE SOMEONE BY SERVING THEM. IT DOESN'T REALLY FEEL LIKE WORK WHEN YOU GET TO SEE THEM SO EXCITED BY SOMETHING EASY WE CAN DO."

REESE, AGE 9



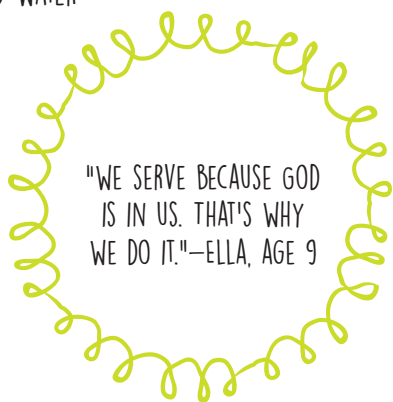


SUMMER TO SERVE: BIG IDEA LIST

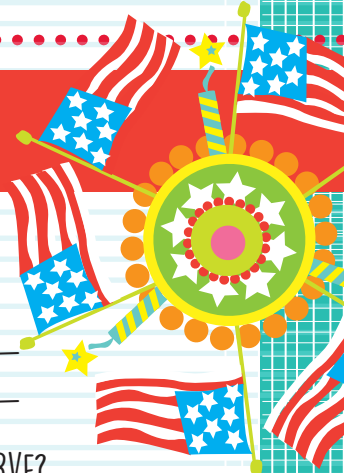
DID YOU KNOW SERVING OTHERS DOESN'T JUST HAVE TO BE ONE WAY? YOU CAN USE YOUR TIME, MONEY OR TALENTS TO HELP OTHERS IN MANY WAYS.

HERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN SERVE IN THE SUMMER.

- & TAKE A CONSTRUCTION CREW COLD DRINKS
- & PICK UP TRASH
- & SERVE SOMEONE HOT WITH COLD WATER
- & SWEEP A PORCH
- & WALK A DOG
- & MAIL A LETTER OF THANKS
- & DELIVER A HOT MEAL
- & FEED THE HOMELESS
- & VOLUNTEER AT CHURCH
- & CLEAN UP YOUR SCHOOL
- & HAVE A FREE LEMONADE STAND
- & BABYSIT FOR A FRIEND
- & MOW SOMEONE'S LAWN
- & TAKE FREE COLD TREATS UP AND DOWN THE BEACH
- & THANK VOLUNTEERS, LIFEGUARDS, SWIM COACHES, AND OTHER SUMMER EMPLOYEES
- & BLESS OTHERS ON A ROAD TRIP
- & LEAVE MONEY AT GAS STATIONS, ETC.
- & FIND SOMEONE LONELY AND CHEER THEM UP
- & HOST A FREE DOG WASH — PROCEEDS TO CHARITY



YOUR BRAINSTORM PAGE!



WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT NEEDS LOVE OR A SPECIAL THANKS?

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO SERVE?

HOW IS YOUR FAMILY UNIQUELY GIFTED TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?
WHAT RESOURCES DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE (MONEY, TIME, TALENTS) THAT ARE UNIQUE?

MAKE A GOAL. WHAT IS YOUR SUMMER TO SERVE GOAL? EITHER TIME OR MONEY DONATED?

IF YOU COLLECT MONEY AS A GROUP, WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THAT MONEY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED? ASK YOUR LOCAL CHURCH OR SCHOOL ABOUT THE BEST GROUP. OR, WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO

CONSIDER CARE FOR AIDS.

CARE FOR AIDS EXISTS TO EMPOWER PEOPLE TO LIVE A LIFE BEYOND AIDS. THEIR MISSION IS TO EMPOWER 100,000 PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS THROUGHOUT EAST AFRICA BY THE END OF 2027. CARE FOR AIDS CURRENTLY OPERATES 68 CENTERS IN KENYA, TANZANIA, AND UGANDA THAT SERVE NEARLY 5,000 FAMILIES EACH YEAR REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 15,000 CHILDREN AT RISK OF BECOMING ORPHANS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT CAREFORAIDS.ORG



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