

Matthew 23: *The greatest among you will be your servant.*

The parable of the Good Samaritan shows we should serve those in need whoever they are. Such service is not offered to gain some advantage for ourselves. 'Going the extra mile' involves sacrifice, putting ourselves out for someone else's benefit.



Children need to learn to care for and demonstrate their love for others with acts of service. Training your child to help others will serve several purposes.

1. It will teach your child to be others-centered rather than self-centered.
2. It will teach your child gratitude when others serve them.
3. It will teach your child responsibility.
4. It will teach your child that their actions are important to others.
5. It will teach your child how to demonstrate their love for others.

Jesus said that he 'came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper is well known – this is where he takes on the role of the lowest servant rather than that of the master. Jesus tells us clearly the meaning of this action: 'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done.'

Serving God, means serving others.

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"Learn to Love...Love to Learn"
As we start a New Year we often make resolutions to start something new. Consider what you can do as a family or an individual to show your love for others with acts of service.

We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

Happiness springs from doing
good and helping others.

Plato

Prayer in action is love,
Love in action is service.

Mother Teresa



For reflection.....

- How are our children encouraged to serve one another?
- How are acts of service celebrated in school?
- Numerous adults serve the school community behind the scenes. Are our children aware of who they are and what they do? Can we all remind them?