

Respond to the call to serve: *Put it into action, in your family*

LESSON AT A GLANCE

Facilitator Notes:

- Sunday Sermon Reflections, Point to Ponder and Call to Action should still be shared at the beginning of the lesson.
- Since the format of this lesson is less structured, facilitators can incorporate a light meal or snack into the evening such as pizza or popcorn. Be sure to include this in your Message to Parents so they are aware and can contribute.

This lesson is designed to brainstorm and plan ways for the students to Respond to the call to serve Christ specifically in the context of their family. Listed below are suggested ways for the students to serve Christ by serving their families.

The group, or facilitator, can decide whether the entire group decide on a specific way to serve their families at home, or if the group comes up with a bank of ideas and the students decide individually which serving method they would like to do for their own family.

The following are a list of starter ideas to use when brainstorming ways for the students to respond to the call to serve Christ by serving their families. The students are encouraged to add to, or elaborate on, these ideas.

- Commit to pray more with your family, and for your family
- Read the Bible together with your family. Setup a frequency to get together to read and discuss the Bible
- Cook dinner for your family
- Help your family by earning and agreeing to pay a bill this month
- Set family time aside that is free from devices
- Start a game night with your family
- Show forgiveness
- Make a time and space as a family to worship God together during the week
- Encourage someone in your family with a compliment or Bible verse
- Review the list of Spiritual Gifts. Which ones do you recognize in the members of your family? In what ways can you affirm and show appreciation for those gifts in your family?

Have students work together to complete the questions on the student lesson copy. If time allows, come back together and let students share their responses.

MESSAGE TO PARENTS (TO BE SENT VIA EMAIL OR TEXT)

Facilitator Notes:

- Please keep the main message intact, but feel free to add local information as necessary.

Dear Parents,
 This semester we are focusing on the "R" lessons of the THRIVE curriculum, "Respond to the call to serve". It's our hope that this semester your student deepens their understanding of what it means to serve Christ by serving our family, our congregation, and community. This week, we brainstormed ideas of how to serve Christ, specifically in our families.

As always, if you have questions about the topic, please feel free to contact us.
 Your Youth Leaders

SUNDAY SERMON REFLECTIONS (10 minutes)

Facilitator Notes:

- Allow 2-3 students to share their reflections. For larger groups, vary who shares from week to week.

- What Bible verse was used for the basis of last Sunday's sermon?
- What were some of the main takeaways? What did you learn?
- So far this week, how have you applied what you learned from the sermon last Sunday?
- Going forward, how will you apply what you learned from the sermon last Sunday?

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME? (15 minutes)

Facilitator Notes:

Wrap up the lesson with the "R" message from THRIVE: Respond to the call to serve by:

- Discovering and developing your spiritual gifts and engaging in the congregation by using those gifts. (Ephesians 4:11-16)
- Edifying the Body of Christ by acknowledging and appreciating the gifts of others. (1 Corinthians 12:4-27)
- Showing your love for Jesus through helping your family, congregation, community, and those in need. (Luke 10:30-37, Matthew 25:35-40, Mark 9:35)
- Directly serving Jesus Christ (Romans 14:17-19)

A Point to Ponder....

- Why is it sometimes difficult to serve the people closest to us?

A Call to Action...

- This week, serve Christ by serving your family.

Weekly Reflections

What Bible verse was used for the basis of last Sunday's sermon?

What were some of the main takeaways? What did you learn?

So far this week, how have you applied what you learned from the sermon last Sunday?

Going forward, how will you apply what you learned from the sermon last Sunday?

Point to Ponder...

Call to Action...

Respond to the call to serve: *Put it into action, in your family*

What are some ways you could serve Christ by serving your family?

What is needed in order to implement some of these serving ideas?

If the serving idea is something that would only happen once, how could you turn it into a way of serving that gets repeated?

Why is it important to serve Christ by serving your family?

A Point to Ponder....

- Why is it sometimes difficult to serve the people closest to us?

A Call to Action...

- This week, serve Christ by serving your family.