

Audience: Youth

Bible Focus: Matthew 5:16

Acts of Service and Personal Growth

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that[a] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven'

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Here are some ideas for growing in your faith and for service to others this week:

- Help someone in need—a big or a small need—and say a prayer with that person; then, continue to pray for that person.
- Focus on Jesus' kindness and gentleness, asking him to make you kind and gentle, too.
- Rely on Christ to help you obey your parents and others in authority over you.
- Contact your local mission team and provide first aid supplies for their next mission trip.

- Try this series of "shoe" service ideas:
 - Show God's love to someone else this week by giving a pair of shoes to a homeless shelter. (Get a parent's or guardians' permission first.)
 - Get your friends and family to join you in giving away shoes. Make sure they know why you're doing it: Jesus' love motivates your actions.
 - Pray the words of John 15 for those who receive the shoes.

- How many jackets or sweatshirts do you have in your closet? Really! Do you need that many? Pull out any you haven't worn in six months, and with your parent's or guardian's permission, give them away.
- If you have never memorized the Lord's Prayer, do it this week. Pray the Lord's Prayer aloud with friends or family. How does speaking it aloud change the experience?
- Buy a few bottles of water. Make personal labels for them by printing out your favorite refreshing Bible verse on the label and adding some art—perhaps John 7:38. Use the bottles and when someone asks about the label, tell them. Deliver some unopened "personal label" bottles of water to random people in a public place where they are likely to be thirsty—a walking park, a playground, or rest stop.

What are you inspired to try next?

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