

SERVE DAY

PROJECT IDEAS



Below is a list of project ideas that might help your small group in planning a project for Serve Day.

Begin by asking your small group members the following questions. Hopefully, the answers will help you develop a project that is a perfect fit for your group.

- Who in your neighborhood has a need?
(Remember, we are focusing on the community for Serve Day. If someone in the church has a need, we can definitely do those projects... on another day.)
- What business or organization within your sphere of influence could use a blessing?
- What project types best suit your group's ages and abilities? (prayer, worship, physical labor, construction, cleaning, etc.)

**Remember, the size of the project isn't important. What is important is that we are helping people and making a difference in our community.

General Ideas

- Host a free garage sale
- Hand out free gum at a local park
- Clean up a widow's or single mom's yard
- Give out free sunscreen at a city park
- Give out free bottled water
- Plan a "Fun Day" for foster care children. Have free food, games, and giveaways
- Give out free donuts and coffee at bus stop or shopping center
- Host a free car wash for an organization or school
- Minor car repairs for elderly, widows and/or single mom's
- Kids host a free kids toys and games garage sale
- Kids host a free lemonade stand

Hospitals

- Serve free coffee, energy drinks, and snacks to staff and those waiting in the emergency room
- Give out healthy snacks to patients of chemotherapy
- Deliver small gifts to patients and families in the children's ward (toys, care packages, etc)
- Prayer visits with patients and those in emergency room
- Take care-packages with snacks, sweets and small gift items (lotions, magazines, puzzles etc.) to families of hospitalized children.

Nursing Homes

- Deliver fresh flowers to the residents
- Host a worship service at a nursing home (offer worship, devotions, prayer, and fellowship)
- Throw a "Senior Prom" complete with live music, food, and decorations
- Landscape a flower garden and sitting area for residents
- Have kids make crafts (necklaces, wooden crosses) that can be given to residents
- Distribute chips and sodas to residents & employees (check with staff on food restrictions)
- Tea Party
- Help the residents complete care packages for foster kids

Special Needs/Youth Home

- Identify a family with a special needs child and give the family a Mom & Dad's day out
- Adopt a group home for the day and throw a party for the residents
- Build a wheelchair ramp for handicapped
- Organize a field day for a group youth home

College

- Band: Serve free drinks or snacks at their practice
- Sports teams: Serve free bottled water at their practice
- Give away free energy drinks to college students
- Host a free picnic in the quad
- Give out free donuts and coffee on the quad

Street Outreach

- Serve hot breakfast for the homeless in your community
- Do a community trash clean up
- Host a "Block Party" with free food, games, music, etc. for families
- Renovate a run-down playground or park in the area
- Do a door-to-door grocery giveaway
- Have a "Free Grass Cutting" day

Business/Service Organizations/Public Servicemen

- Wash windows
- Trash pick-up in parking lot
- Coral shopping carts to designated spaces