

A Humble Servant

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for use as
STEP 1

**Lesson 4****Focus:**

Serve each other
with love.

Lesson 4**Bible Basis:**

John 13:1-17;
14:15-31

Lesson 4**Memory Verse:**

Serve one another humbly in love.
—Galatians 5:13

Students will watch a video about a thirteen-year-old who raised money for a charity dedicated to helping children.

Materials:

- Internet access

- **What does it mean to serve someone?** (Answers will vary but might include: you can serve or bring someone food at a restaurant; doing a job for someone; helping someone out, etc.)
- **What are ways you have served someone?** (Answers will vary. Be sure students think beyond chores to include helping a younger sibling learn a skill or a kindness extended to an elderly neighbor.)
- **What was the reason you wanted to help someone?** (Accept all reasonable answers.)

Helping and serving others in the spirit of love is so important. If we only choose to help someone because we are told to do it, it doesn't seem as meaningful. Thirteen-year-old Avery wanted to raise money for a local children's advocacy center, a charity dedicated to helping children who have experienced traumatic events. She wanted to help others, and when she realized she didn't have to wait until she was an adult, she took action.

Play the following clip [2:19]:

Local girl raising money for charity by selling lemonade

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igjwIhTyyHg>

Avery gave up time and energy to build her stand, make the lemonade, and run the stand to raise money for charity. Her attitude inspired some of her friends to jump on board and help as well. Together, they earned the money to donate. Avery helped children she didn't know through her kindness and affected their lives for the better.

- **How do you think the kids impacted by the Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center charity feel?** (Answers might include: Grateful; happy, etc.)

When others see that kind of selflessness...wow! It makes a difference. In today's lesson we're going to watch Someone else make a huge impact through His loving service to His friends. Let's see how this powerful act changes the minds of many on what it means to be great.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- Internet access
- Poster board or cardstock
- Markers/colored pencils
- White board and marker (or screenshared document)
- Optional: Art supplies, smartphones, dictionaries

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies to class.

Earlier you learned that Jesus wanted His disciples to know what it really meant to serve one another in humility and love. At first, they were shocked by His act of washing their feet, because they believed Jesus was too great for such a lowly job. But Jesus was able to show them that being great in His kingdom was about serving those around us in love.

➤ **Is there a time someone has shocked you by their selfless act?** (It may take your students a while to think of things from another person's perspective; be prepared to share your own experience to get the conversation going.)

Understanding what a word means is important. Your teachers go over vocabulary words in school because they want you to better understand the subject you're studying. The same is true for the Bible. Sometimes we hear words in the Bible that we might not understand. We might not know what they mean or how we should apply them. So, today let's dig a little deeper into some of the words we heard in our lesson, to make sure we know what they mean and what they should look like in our own lives.

Display the following definitions on the whiteboard (or screenshared document).

- Serve: (to be of use; provide helpful services)
- Humble: (not too proud; low in rank)
- Obey: (to follow commands)
- Love: (to like very much)

Now, using these meanings, let's create posters. Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). **The posters should include some aspect of your kid-friendly definitions of the words serve, humble, obey, and love. Try to include a picture of what that might look like in your own life. If you like, you can also include today's memory verse.** If needed, take a few minutes to brainstorm real life examples of the four definitions.

Optional: If you feel comfortable, you can play the following song as your student's work:
Matthew West-Do Something
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8

If time allows, have students share their completed posters with the group.

➤ **How can this poster be of use to you this week?** (Answers may include: When I look at my poster, it will help me remember ways I can serve others this week; it will remind me how Jesus wants me to live, etc.)

Understanding what serving others, being humble, obeying God's Word, and loving one another means is important. When we look at our posters, we should have a clear picture of what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus Christ. To obey His commands, love and serve others, and stay humble as we do it all is the essence of Christianity. These things overflow out of our hearts and into the lives of others once we become true believers.

This week hang your poster where you can see it each day. Read through the words and definitions and ask God to help you show those qualities throughout the day to those around you. Serve others in love and watch God reach others through you!

Pray to close.

Additional Resources:

Serve

Kids definition of *serve* (Entry 3a of 9)

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/serve>

Humble

Kids definition of *humble* (Entry 2 of 2)

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/humble>

Obey

Kids definition of *obey* (Entry 1a of 2)

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/obey>

Love

Kids definition of *love* (Entry 3 of 4)

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/love>

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