

RECORD ACTIVITY

SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

- Chat with the children about the 'community brochures' they designed.
- Ask them to look again at their brochures and identify the opportunities that exist for people of every age to serve one another through the various events and activities that take place in the community. Remind the children that it is the Holy Spirit who prompts people to serve in different ways by using their talents and abilities.
- Now invite the children to discuss in pairs and to record in their Religious Education journal three ways that people of different age groups can serve others in the activities and places featured in the brochure.

TEACHER NOTE: Remind the children that when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper, he asked them to serve others as he did.

READ AND DISCUSS

SERVING SCENARIOS

- Invite the children to form pairs. Ask them to read each scenario and identify who is serving and who is being served in each case. Invite them to discuss with their partner how the actions of service in each case might have made a difference to the people who were being served.

Scenario 1: The Shopping Trip

Ben's mam had just returned after doing the weekly shop for the groceries and Ben noticed that she seemed very tired as she began to unload the items from the car. Ben rushed out and said, 'Leave those. I'll bring them in. You go and put your feet up for a while. You deserve that after shopping for all of us.'

Scenario 2: The Family Mass

Beatrice goes to the Family Mass on Sunday morning. She helps the younger children with their activities and she assists with teaching the children their prayers and reading the Bible stories.

Scenario 3: Whoops!

Mrs Kirrane was walking back to her classroom when she tripped and dropped all the books and pages that she was carrying. John and Laura saw what happened. They stopped and helped Mrs Kirrane pick up the items she had dropped.

Scenario 4: The Barbecue

It was a lovely sunny day so Mrs Keane had invited her neighbours for a BBQ in the garden. Angela and Tomás helped to set the table and prepare the food, and Danny made sure that all the visitors had something to eat and drink when the BBQ finally got under way.

Scenario 5: Bring and Buy

The members of the Parish Pastoral Council were collecting toys, crafts, cakes and books and anything else they thought they could sell for a 'Bring and Buy Sale' at the church. Tom and his family brought along some toys and books and offered to help on the day.

Scenario 6: Tea for All

There was a big meeting to take place in the Community Centre on Friday evening to prepare for the Tidy Towns competition. Monique's dad thought it would be a good idea to have tea and biscuits for everyone after the meeting. He asked the neighbours to help. Several neighbours gathered before the meeting and prepared the tables and the food. They set out all the chairs for the meeting, and afterwards they served the refreshments.