

The Jesus Project

A Service Project for 8th Grade Bible

Due Dates: Service Log – Tuesday, January 8, 2007

Visual Aid and Reports – January 8 - 11

Objectives: For each student to:

1. Become more like Jesus.
2. Provide help to those who truly are in need.
3. Discover the joy that comes through serving others.
4. Personally apply the teachings of Jesus to their life.
5. Share with classmates what they have learned from this experience.

Point Value:

1. Service log: 50 points
 2. Report to class: 50 points
- 100 points total

*Note: Although you will receive a grade for this project, points should not be the focus. Devotion to God and compassion for others should be the motivation behind your service.

Requirements:

1. Perform 10 or more hours of free service to people who need help.
 - a. You must not accept money for your work.
 - b. All of your service hours must be done for persons outside of your family.
 - c. The more serious a need you meet the better. So try to find projects where you help people with a serious need.
2. Keep a log of your service time (log attached) including the following information:
 - a. date the service took place
 - b. what the activity was
 - c. the place and/or the persons being served
 - d. the length of time to perform your service
 - e. any comments you or others had regarding your service
 - f. signature of parent or sponsor to verify your service
3. Prepare an oral report on your service.
 - a. Time limit: 3- 5 minutes.
 - b. You must include the following information
 - 1) Description of your service – What did you do? Who did you serve?
Were there any interesting stories to share?
 - 2) Reaction to your service by those you served or your feelings about doing the service.
 - 3) Lessons you learned from serving.
 - c. Prepare a visual aid to share during your report. Here are the options:

1) Tri-fold Display Board:

a) Measurements:

- 30-36 inches tall
- 40-48 inches wide (when fully opened up)

b) What to include:

- Title (include your name in this section)
- Illustrations of your service. This could include photos, clip art, pictures from the internet, brochures of organizations you worked with, really anything that you can fit on the display board. Be creative.
- Captions for your illustrations. Don't write long paragraphs just short sentences to explain your illustrations. (For example: next to a picture of a can of food you could write, "Sorting food at Norcross Cooperative Ministry was a lot of fun.")
- Section for reactions and/or feelings about your service.
- Section for lessons and/or benefits.
- Make your display as creative as possible. Use color and design to make your visual aid eye catching.
- Make sure to write your name and class period on the back.

2) Powerpoint presentation:

a) Must include the following slides

- "Jesus Project" title page with name and class period
- description of your service
- reaction from those who you served
- benefits gained or lessons learned

b) Make your presentation *visual*.

- Avoid making your Power point too wordy. It should not just be an outline that you read off the screen.
- Include pictures, clip art, designs.

3) Other options – Moviemaker video, scrapbook, etc. Please talk with your teacher about requirements.

* Make your visual aid as attractive and professional as possible. Be creative!

Examples of Service Activities

Service to the Community

1. "Legacy of serving" trip with Mr. Davis.
2. Prepare and take food to someone who is sick.
3. Help prepare and sort "shoe box" gifts to go overseas.
4. Visit the elderly in a nursing home.
5. Read to sick children in a hospital
6. Help at a homeless shelter or food bank.
7. Go on a mission trip.

*Note: These activities are just suggestions. Other ideas should be approved by Mr. Connel *in advance*. Make your service worthwhile. Avoid doing something just to complete the hours. Do your best to find a real need and help someone.