



FAMILY GIVE BACK MONTH

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

WHAT IS FAMILY GIVE BACK MONTH?

The month of November is a great time to reflect on the many blessings God has given us. Often during Thanksgiving, we go around the table saying what we are thankful for. Family Give Back Month is a challenge to each of us to let God's love shine through us so we might be a blessing to *others*. Enclosed is a list of ideas families can use as inspiration to intentionally serve/bless others during the month of November. Participating families have an opportunity to win a \$100 gift card to a location of their choice for a family fun day!

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

1. Follow our new @LibertyBibleKids page on Facebook or Instagram
2. Complete an idea from the Give Back List as a Family
3. Take a picture of your family serving or of the completed task.
4. Tag @LibertyBibleKids and use the hashtag **#familygivebackmonth** to be entered into a drawing (our hope is this will inspire other people to get involved too). If you do not have social media you may email your picture to **breanna.fisher@bnaz.org**
5. Repeat steps 2-4. Each completed task as a family equals one raffle entry.
6. December 1st the winning family will be drawn.
7. The family will get to choose a location of their choice for a \$100 gift card to be used toward a family fun day activity!



GIVE BACK IDEA LIST:

1. **Create a Homeless Bag:** gather items to give to the homeless (water, snacks, socks, hygiene products, etc.) Write a note of encouragement, pray over the bag and leave it in your car to hand out when you see someone in need.
2. **Encouragement Rocks:** find rocks as a family and paint words of encouragement on them. Find a location around town to place your rocks where people may need encouragement.
3. **Neighborhood Love:** Bake cookies and deliver them to a neighbor. Knock on their door to hand-deliver or write a note of encouragement and leave it on their porch.
4. **Operation Christmas Child:** Grab an Operation Christmas Child Box from the church to fill for children in other countries. Be sure to return the boxes to the church on November 14th or 21st.
5. **Write Notes of Encouragement to Teachers, Police Officers, Firefighters, etc.** Optional, pick a treat to give with the card.
6. **Pick Up Litter:** grab some gloves, a trash bag, and pick up trash around town.
7. **Special Delivery:** leave out a basket of goodies/water bottles for delivery drivers at your house.
8. **Rake A Neighbor's Leaves**
9. **Heart Attack:** Cut out hearts and write things you love about someone on each heart. Then, tape it to their door, or car for a fun surprise. Alternate Version: Write notes of encouragement and tape around town.
10. **Create Your Own Idea!**

Gather & Donate Items to Local Ministries:

1. **Open House Ministries:** Accepts clothing, household and other items that can be used for residents or resold at the thrift store.
2. **The Giving Closet:** Accepts non-perishable food, clothing and shoes
3. **Pathways Clinic:** Accepts diapers, wipes & donations to baby boutiques (clothes, toys, baby food)
4. **Agape Village:** Accepts socks, toiletries washcloths
5. **Portland Rescue Mission or Share House:** Volunteer to Serve Meals (age limit may apply)
6. **Children's Book Bank (Portland):** Accepts new or Gently Used Children's Books (families can also volunteer to restore used books).
7. **Clark County Jail:** Accepts new or Gently Used (paperback) Books of all kinds but especially self-improvement books.



MAKING IT STICK

CREATING A HABIT:

Volunteering as a family while kids are young develops a positive service habit that sticks long into adulthood. Use the following four tips to help ensure your kids understand the impact of their good deeds.

1. Celebrate your service!
2. If donating goods or money to a local charity, deliver the items **with** your kids in person so they can better internalize how they helped make a difference.
3. Be sure to talk about your family's service experience. Discuss what you did, why you did it, how it felt, and what you learned.
4. Build on your kids' enthusiasm and right then choose your next service project together.

GREAT SCRIPTURE TO AID CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SERVICE:

- **John 13:35**
- **Philippians 2:1-11**
- **Galatians 5:13-14**
- **Romans 12**
- **Mark 10:35-45**
- **Matthew 25:37-40**

My prayer is that the Lord would bless your time together as a family as you serve those around you. My hope is that this would be a sweet time of memory-making that goes beyond a possible prize at the end; for the true blessing comes through serving others and the growth that happens in those spaces. May our acts of service not be for our own glory but be used to glorify the Lord. Sharing on social media with a humble spirit and a Christ-centered focus has the potential to inspire others to live outwardly as well. I know it encourages and inspires me. Please remember there is also the option to email in your pictures! If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

PARTNERING WITH YOU TO SERVE THE NEXT GENERATION,
-PASTOR BREANNA