

# Operation Family Blueprint



## SERVICE:

Each of the four *Operation Family Nights* are designed to help build God's *Big Idea* of FAMILY into your family.

Tonight is "AT YOUR SERVICE NIGHT," and it's all about learning to SERVE others.  
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## PREP STUFF:

This night is all about options. We feel like we've schooled you well enough in the ways of Family Nights, so YOU get to plan this one. Tonight is about taking everything you've learned about God's *Big Idea* of FAMILY and sharing it with the people around you. God's ideas are so big, that they can use little families to do big things to change the world. We just have to be willing to SERVE.

## FIRST STEPS:

1. Watch the *Mr. Take-Out* video to get hyped about the night.
2. Parents, watch the "Parent Secrets" video at [www.kidstuf.com/parents](http://www.kidstuf.com/parents)



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## THE DINNER PLAN:

In the spirit of taking God's *Big Idea* of FAMILY "out," go OUT to dinner to make your "At Your Service" Plan. 1.



Once the food is ordered, review the options (stated on the next three pages) and decide on ONE thing that you're going to do TONIGHT to serve others. You can either do something to serve your neighbors, your city, or something to serve the world. Use the ideas posted as inspiration, but the best service you can do is something you're passionate about, so go with your gut.

Talk about why you want to be a family who serves together and what Jesus meant when he said: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."  
-Matthew 25:40.

Before dinner is over: Find a way to thank your server (or the server at the counter) by writing a note, giving them a big tip, or if you're a "think ahead" type of group - a gift card! And then watch their reaction - I bet they'll be surprised!



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# Part 1: Make it Local

When looking for people or places to serve, where better to search than just beyond your front door? Serving your neighbors has endless possibilities, here are just a few:

## "RING-N-RUN" CUPCAKES:

Bake and frost a dozen cupcakes. Place them in a decorative basket, Tupperware container, or disposable aluminum tray with a note from your family. Proceed to the selected neighbor's house, put the cupcakes on the porch, ring the door-bell, and run home!



## GRATITUDE FOR GARBAGE:

The next time you set your garbage can out for collection, attach a note and perhaps a special present for your trash collector, thanking him for the all the hard work he does every week by taking your garbage away. If you don't participate in garbage collection, consider leaving something special in the mailbox for your Mail Carrier.

## NEIGHBORHOOD COMPETITION:

Divide your family into teams. Pick a chore you can do around the neighborhood (ex: mow lawns, weed landscaping, wash cars, etc.) in one hour, and compete to see which team can do the most in that time frame. The only rule is that you must get your neighbor's permission before "serving" them.

## Part 2: Touch Your City



You can also go even bigger and look beyond your neighborhood. Your family can create fun ways to serve your city without breaking the budget. Here are some ideas:

### GATHER UP FOR GOODWILL:

Scour the house for toys, clothing, small appliances, books, handbags, and those old 8-tracks. Just make sure everything is in good condition. Bag or box up the items and deliver them to your local Goodwill or Salvation Army. (Bonus Level: have a family competition to see who can give the most stuff away...without having to buy replacement stuff the next day!)



### FEED THE FIREFIGHTERS:

Choose a city public service organization that is close by, like the Fire Department, Police Station, the Library, or the office at your school. Surprise them by dropping off a meal or some snacks during their business hours. Let them know how much you appreciate all they do for your city!

### CLEAN THE GREEN:

Gather up some disposable gloves, trash bags, and wrapped sandwiches. Head to your local park and clean the green space by picking up the litter. Make it a game by seeing who can collect the most trash by weight. You can also help feed the hungry by handing out sandwiches. It's not a job most people think about doing but it makes a huge difference!





## Part 3: Reach the World

### Compassion International:

You can change the life of a child forever. Share your love, prayers and support with a boy or girl who lives in poverty. For as little as \$38 per month, you can sponsor a child in need across the globe.

[www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com)

Sometimes we forget about the people who live just across the ocean from us who need our help. And just a little effort from us can make a big difference. So here are some ideas for what you can do to SERVE the world:



### Charity: Water:

Right now, 1.1 billion people on the planet don't have access to clean drinking water. That's one in six of us. *Charity: Water* is a non-profit organization bringing clean, safe, drinking water to people in developing nations. Just \$20 can give one person clean water for 20 years.

Visit [www.charitywater.org](http://www.charitywater.org).

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### TOMS Shoes

TOMS Shoes gives shoes to children in Ethiopia to keep them safe and healthy. For every pair of TOMS Shoes that you buy for yourself, TOMS gives a pair of shoes to a child in need. [www.TOMSshoes.com](http://www.TOMSshoes.com)



**ONE MORE THING!!!** We want to hear about your "At Your Service" night and all of your *Operation Family Blueprint* experiences. Tell us your story and send us a picture of your family at [www.kidstuf.com/ofb/stories](http://www.kidstuf.com/ofb/stories).



**THANKS** for being a part of KidStuf's *Operation Family Blueprint* this summer. It is our hope that you not only remember it with fond memories, but that God's *Big Idea* of FAMILY would serve as a blueprint for your family life from now on! We hope that you continue to carve out time together to TALK, CELEBRATE, PRAY and SERVE. Don't forget, KidStuf is here to partner with you every step of the way. We hope you've had a great summer together, and we can't wait to see you back in the Theater on Sunday August 2 at 10:10 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. for the first show of the new KidStuf *Live* season. See ya there!

