

# FAMILY SERVE IDEAS

## HIGH SCHOOL

You can help your **HIGH SCHOOL** student pursue an authentic faith by helping them serve. Some of these activities can be done in a group, so invite some of your high schooler's friends over, serve up snacks, and make a party of it!

**BABYSITTING CLUB.** Have your teenager volunteer to babysit for a single parent. During the winter or early spring months, sometimes a single mom or dad needs a break! Your teen can be a welcomed relief to the end-of-winter doldrums.

**MILITARY APPRECIATION.** Does your church or community have a military family with a loved one deployed? Have your teen ask how they can volunteer their time to help. They could offer to do small chores around the house or help shovel snow or other yard work. Just the offer will be a huge blessing.

**LISTEN UP.** Grab some balloons from a local discount store and deliver them to a local nursing home. Challenge your student to find out more about at least one person, and to listen to a story from each person they visit.

**TOP SHELF.** Contact a local food pantry and see if they need help organizing or cleaning. For many pantries, this is an ongoing challenge with donated food going in and out.

**GROW A PASSION.** Is there a community organization that matches a passion your teen has? Maybe it's a YMCA that has kid's programs or a local pet shelter or senior center. Encourage your kid to volunteer on a weekend and watch their passion soar!

**FAMILY ROAD TRIP.** Is your family planning for summer—vacations, fun activities, or maybe even a mission trip? Enlist your teen to help in the planning and encourage them to think about some ways your family could serve this summer. Consider shelters, church food pantries, or summer outreach projects. Contact some organizations to find out their typical needs in the summer.