

## **SERVING STARTER IDEAS**

- Surprise your neighbors and invite them to dinner.
- Cheer up a sick friend with a visit or a meal.
- Collect unused make-up, perfume and other cosmetics for a center for abused women.
- Volunteer to clean up trash at a community event or local park.
- Rake leaves, shovel snow, clean gutters or wash windows for a senior citizen.
- Deliver meals to individuals who are homebound.
- Send letters to those serving overseas.
- Organize a board game night at your local nursing home.
- Make "no-sew" fleece blankets for your local children's hospital
- Donate gently used board games and decks of cards to a local homeless shelter.
- Volunteer at an animal shelter- play with the dogs and cats, help to brush them, and clean up after them.
- Bake cookies together and deliver to the fire station or police station.
- Call up a single mom and offer to babysit her children so she can go Christmas shopping. Fun play-date for the kids, plus a much needed break for a mom.
- Deliver a Christmas tree to a family in need or take one to an assisted living or nursing home facility.
- School supplies are often on sale around this time of the year or get put in bargain bins for people to use as stocking stuffers. Load up on these and send them to school with your kid. Teachers spend way too much of their own money on classroom supplies and this would free up some extra income for them around the holiday.



- Take chalk and drive around to your friends' houses. Have you and/or your kids write kind words and bible verses about the friend on their driveway. It will wash off during the next rain but make their day in the meantime!
- We all know an area where homeless people tend to always be-maybe outside a
  certain building or at the end of an exit ramp. Make a bag of food (protein bars,
  pop top canned food, peanut butter and crackers, dried fruit, nuts, etc.) and
  keep it in the car until you find a person who needs it. Don't give cash, but show
  compassion!
- Find a need and meet it. We are all on social media and see need daily. Did a friend's house burn down? Take supplies. Someone sick? Take a meal.
- Contact the Missions Office at Faith Promise Church missions@faithpromise.org or call 865-251-2590