



## Service - content ideas for Christian collective worship

<p><b>Definition:</b> Jesus said that he 'came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' He is an example of service followed by Christians today. The parable of the Good Samaritan shows we should serve those in need whoever they are. Such service is not offered to gain some advantage for ourselves. 'Going the extra mile' involves sacrifice, putting ourselves out for someone else's benefit. Serving God means serving others.</p>	 <p><b>Key Bible Character</b> - Jesus exemplified what it was to be a servant – the 'servant king' – Christians believe he was the greatest servant who ever lived.</p>	
<p><b>Questions</b> – How are pupils and staff encouraged to serve each other? What does it mean to serve? How do we communicate the importance of service? In what ways was Jesus servant king? How do we thank those who serve us? Who do you serve in your life? What do you do to serve others? How can you be a willing servant at home? with your friends?</p>	<p><b>Key Bible verse:</b></p> <p>You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, <b>serve one another in love</b>. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." - Galatians 5:13-14</p>	
<p><b>Bible stories and verses linked to service</b></p>	<p><b>Bible chapter and verse</b></p>	<p><b>Key message</b></p>
<p>1 <b>The Good Samaritan</b> Lion Storyteller Bible – The Kind Stranger p.104</p>	<p>Luke 10:25-37 <a href="#">video</a></p>	<p>We can stop, help and serve others no matter who they are.</p>
<p>2 <b>Jesus washes the feet of the disciples</b></p>	<p>John 13:2-5 <a href="#">watch</a></p>	<p>Jesus didn't come for others to serve Him, but to serve and help others</p>
<p>3 <b>Through the roof</b></p>	<p>Luke 5:17-39 <a href="#">watch</a></p>	<p>The men loved their sick friend so much that they were willing to go through quite extreme measures to serve him and see him healed. The other people there may have found it outrageous, but Jesus knew exactly why he was lowered down.</p>

4	<b>God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.</b>	Romans 12:4-6a	The Bible says we all have special gifts or talents we can use to serve others.
5	<b>If you want to be first be a servant.</b>	Matthew 20:26-28	Jesus is a great example of how to be a willing servant of God. if we want to be first, we must be servants of everyone who needs our help. <a href="https://www.streetpastors.org/">https://www.streetpastors.org/</a>
6	<b>Kind Dorcas/Tabitha</b>	Acts 9 <a href="#">video</a>	A woman 'full of good works' she provided coats and clothing for the poor and the widows.
7	<b>The story of Esther</b>	Esther 3-5  <a href="#">watch</a>	Esther summoned her courage when she told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested. And so it was that Esther's name will be forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the service of her people.
8	<b>Prayer by St Teresa of Avila:</b>  Christ has no body now, but yours.  No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.  Yours are the eyes through which he looks  With compassion on this world.  Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.		All of us have the opportunity to be 'God's hands' every day. Our actions are important – we can use our hands for good or in a harmful way.
9	<b>Elijah and the widow</b>	1 Kings 17:7-16	It is easy for us to help when it doesn't cost us anything. It's a lot harder to help someone in need when you are not much better off than them. The story of Elijah and the widow teaches Christians to trust that God is going to help them make up the difference when they are called to help someone.