

"31 Ways For Kids to Show God's Love" by Traci Little (August 1, 2014)

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***please note, we made a few adaptations to Tracie's original list.

Here are 31 ways children can finish off the summer well and give back to others by showing God's love:

1. Write a letter to a friend and put it in the mailbox.
2. Draw a picture and mail it to your teacher to tell them that you miss them and are thankful for them.
3. Bless the mailman/woman by leaving them a gift and thanking them for their hard work.
4. Do some yard work for a neighbor.
5. Volunteer at a soup kitchen with your family.
6. Organize a toy drive for the children's wing at your local hospital.
7. Participate in a 5K walk as a family to raise money for cancer or another important cause.
8. Bake cookies for a family at your church you want to encourage.
9. Paint a picture for your grandparents and mail it to them.
10. Help a sibling learn how to read.
11. Make a tutorial video about something you are gifted in.
12. Put together a box full of goodies for a person in the military and mail it to them.
13. Help out with a ministry at church.
14. Get together some neighborhood friends and clean up trash.
15. Make some crazy loom bracelets (or other small craft item) and raise money for a favorite charity.
16. Make a get well box for someone who is sick.
17. Write out special prayers for children in need.
18. Write thank you cards for your pastor, elders, or other staff and mail them to the church.
19. Take turns cleaning your siblings' rooms.
20. Offer to help your parents babysit for another family's children.

21. Give up all electronics for one day and spend time doing things for others.
22. Go on a local mission trip as a family.
23. Pay for some behind you at a drive through. Leave a note/tract with the cashier to give to them.
24. Start a kindness jar. Place ideas of ways to be kind and take turns picking from the jar and exhibiting those acts of kindness.
25. Invite friends to our 9:00 parking lot service, Faith Mountain in the fall or Vacation Bible School in 2021!
26. Take someone wild flowers to your teacher at church.
27. Listen without interrupting or arguing back.
28. Continue clipping box tops to bring back to school.
FPC Adaptation (*as we believe most "box tops" are now collected virtually*). Purchase items for our August snack drive to help *Food for Thought* with food backpacks for school children in Lynchburg.
29. Write a sidewalk chalk message to a family member to express your love for them.
30. Teach your children to hold the door open for people and praise them when they do.
31. Help your parents make a meal for a family who just had a new baby.