

# Our Gift to the Savior

## #LIGHTtheWORLD

Join millions around the world on December 1st for a Worldwide Day of Service... then continue all month long and make serving others your family's gift to the Savior!

### PREPARE JAR, STRIPS AND CARDS...

Before presenting to your family, prepare your supplies. Print several pages of "Service & Kindness Strips" (page 2) and trim. Find a small jar or votive to keep them in - along with a few pencils or pens. Next, print the Service Prompt Cards, the Matthew Scripture and the round tags. Frame the scripture and trim the tag(s) you want to use. Prepare a larger jar for your completed strips. Finally, find and bookmark the #LIGHTtheWORLD Video online @ Mormon.org to share with your family.

### PRESENT TO YOUR FAMILY...

Start your family meeting or Family Home Evening with a prayer and Christmas hymn. Then, watch the short #LIGHTtheWORLD Video. Discuss Matthew 5:16 and how each act of service is like a light AND can be a gift to the Savior. Present and explain the strips/jar and how each family member can do things on their own each day at work, home and school - then record each act of kindness on a strip to add to the jar. Show them how to wrap the strip around a pencil to curl it!

### CHOOSE A PLACE FOR YOUR JAR...

Choose a common, high traffic place to keep your jar all month. If possible, display with Christmas lights or battery powered candles to incorporate actual light into your display! Maybe it will be your kitchen table centerpiece where everyone can write on strips at dinner, or on a table in the family room where everyone can access and see it as it fills. (NOTE... You can decide to do one large family jar or smaller individual jars - choose gift tag accordingly.)

### CHOOSE SERVICE YOU CAN DO TOGETHER...

While many of the card suggestions are things that can be done individually (and individual service and kindness should be encouraged), talk as a family and pick a few bigger things you can do together! It's a busy month, so make a plan and mark your calendar. **Then, as you serve, take a family picture and share on social media using #LIGHTtheWORLD!**

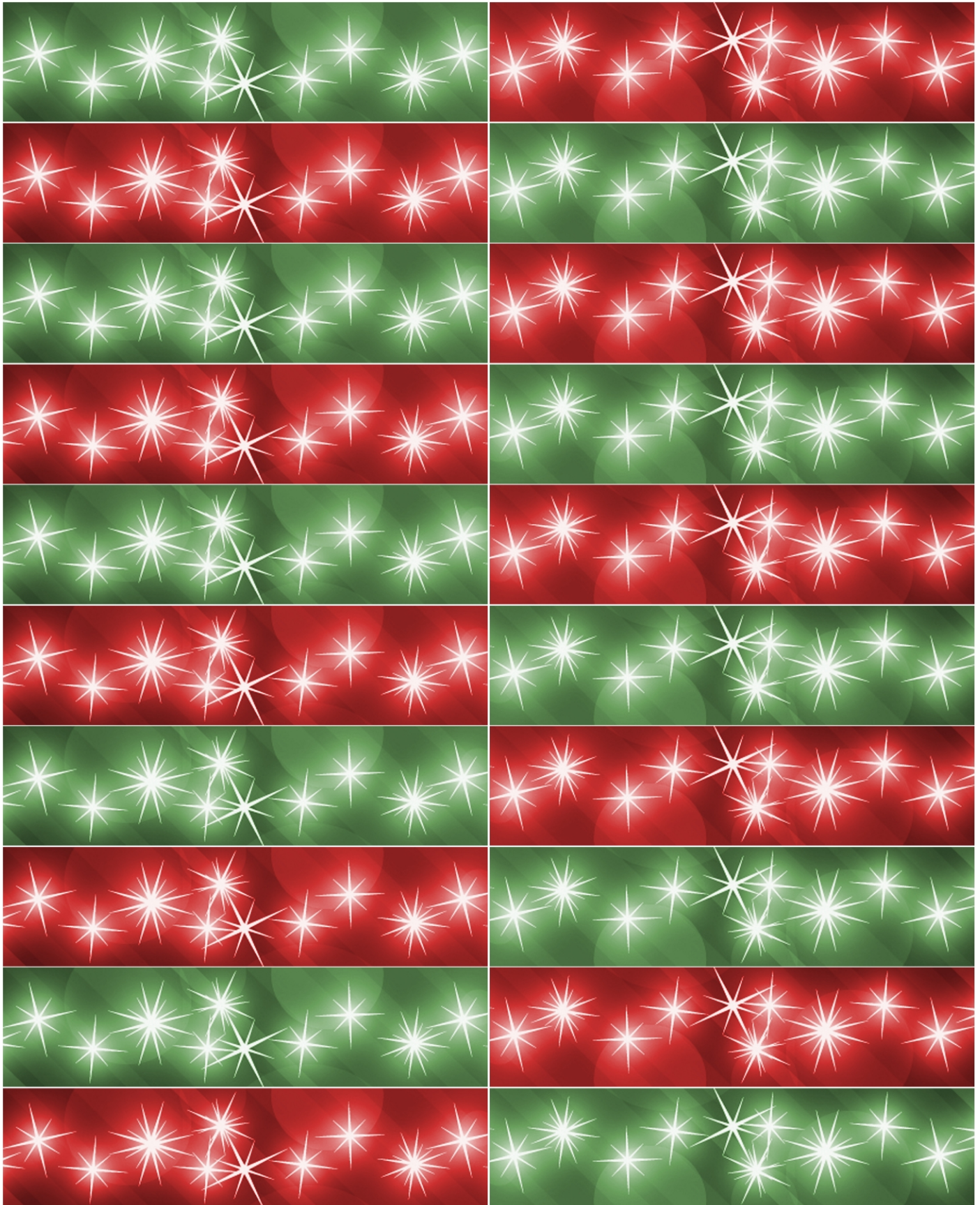
### ON CHRISTMAS EVE...

On Christmas Eve, maybe as part of your Nativity Lesson, talk about the service performed by family members throughout the month. What was their favorite act of kindness, what was most memorable, who did they feel they helped the most, etc. Then, tie a bow around your jar and move it under the tree; reinforcing that this is the family's Christmas gift to the Savior!



# SERVICE & KINDNESS STRIPS

For BEST results, print on glossy photo or brochure paper using your printer's BEST quality print setting - or have it printed at a copy shop. Trim each strip, then record acts of kindness or service on the back. Roll strip around a pencil to curl, then add to your jar!



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## Serving @ Home

1. Do a chore for a sibling.
2. Help Mom without being asked.
3. Clean up a mess that isn't yours!
4. Smile and be kind to a sibling.
5. Offer to help a sibling with homework.
6. Help Dad with some yard cleanup.
7. Call a Grandparent to say Hello!
8. Write a thank you note to your mom.
9. Collect toys you've outgrown and donate.
10. Go through sweaters and coats for donation.
11. Attend a recital a sibling is performing in.
12. Give a genuine compliment to a sibling.
13. Call a cousin you haven't talked to in a while.
14. Help decorate for Christmas!
15. Willingly help with dinner, even when not asked.
16. Tidy a sibling's room while they are away.
17. Leave a kind note on a bathroom mirror.
18. Write a letter and mail to a family member.
19. Listen intently when someone is telling a story.
20. Read a book to a younger sibling.
21. Fold a load of laundry that doesn't belong to you!
22. Tidy up the family room before company arrives.
23. Share your favorite toy with a sibling.
24. Give everyone in your family a warm hug.
25. Look for any opportunity to be Christlike!

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## Serving @ School

1. Hold the door open for someone.
2. Invite a lonely classmate to sit with you at lunch.
3. Write a thank you note and give to your teacher.
4. Color a nice picture for the school secretary.
5. Remember to tell your bus driver thank you!
6. Smile at someone who needs a friendly boost.
7. Sit by someone new at lunch and be friendly!
8. Clean up a classroom space that needs tidying.
9. Be extra kind and friendly on the playground.
10. Learn the name of someone you don't know.
11. Give someone a sincere compliment.
12. Put your arm around someone who looks sad.
13. Be kind and respectful to your teacher!
14. Be an example of Christlike kindness at all times.
15. Make a bookmark and give it to your librarian.
16. Offer to help clean the chalkboard during recess.
17. Write a kind note and give to a classmate.
18. Color a nice picture for a classmate.
19. Invite a lonely classmate to play at recess.
20. Don't complain about assignments or tests.
21. Donate needed school supplies for your teacher.
22. Offer to help tutor a student who is struggling.
23. Tell a fun holiday joke to help someone smile.
24. Offer to read books to younger students.
25. Give a sincere compliment to your principal.

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## Serving as a Family

1. Go caroling in your neighborhood.
2. Deliver dinner to an elderly couple.
3. Make Christmas cookies for friends.
4. Raid your pantry and donate canned goods.
5. Take poinsettias to a local nursing home.
6. Donate gently used books to your library.
7. Drop some gifts anonymously to a struggling family.
8. Leave a treat in the mailbox for your mailman!
9. Shovel snow for the neighbors after a storm.
10. Donate pet food to a local pet shelter.
11. Offer to help a widow put up her decorations!
12. Invite a new family over for dinner.
13. Take a gift basket to a new family on your street.
14. Leave chalk-message greetings on driveways!
15. Pay for another family's meal at a restaurant.
16. Deliver hot chocolate and donuts to a firehouse.
17. Pick some gifts to donate off an angel tree.
18. Send a care package to a missionary.
19. Offer to help someone with their gift wrapping.
20. Offer to babysit for a young family so they can shop.
21. Make and donate fleece blankets to a shelter.
22. Find a local charity and donate time as a family (at a pantry, shelter, soup kitchen, etc.).
23. Surprise a friend by attending their concert/recital.
24. Deliver a warm treat to your bishop or pastor.
25. Participate in a local clothing or gift drive.

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## More ways to serve...

1. Share an uplifting meme on social media.
2. Let go of a grudge and forgive someone.
3. Call a loved one you haven't talked to lately.
4. Offer to treat a co-worker to lunch.
5. Participate in a local church choir.
6. Watch a Christmas movie with your family.
7. Invite another family over for a fun game night.
8. Pay for the person behind you in a drive-thru line.
9. Buy a gift card & look for someone to give it to.
10. Pay for a stranger's gas.
11. Set up a free hot chocolate stand.
12. Put away carts in a parking lot.
13. Donate change to Salvation Army Bell Ringers.
14. Let someone ahead of you in line.
15. Deliver a gift basket to a local Police Department.
16. Share a Christ-centered video on social media.
17. Send a kind text to someone you love!
18. Plan a service project with your family and do it!
19. Pray for someone who is struggling.
20. Give blood or sign up to be an organ donor.
21. Say a prayer of gratitude.
22. Share a favorite Christmas hymn on social media.
23. Take your family to a Christmas display of lights.
24. Leave kind and uplifting comments on social media.
25. Be kind, no matter what!

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## SCRIPTURE and TAGS

For BEST results, print this sheet on glossy photo or brochure paper using your printer's BEST quality print setting - or have it printed at a copy shop. Trim and display scripture (5x7) near your jar as a reminder to let your light shine through service all month long! Then, (depending on if you are doing this individually or as a family) choose a small gift tag to attach to your jar or use the larger ones as mason jar lid toppers.

