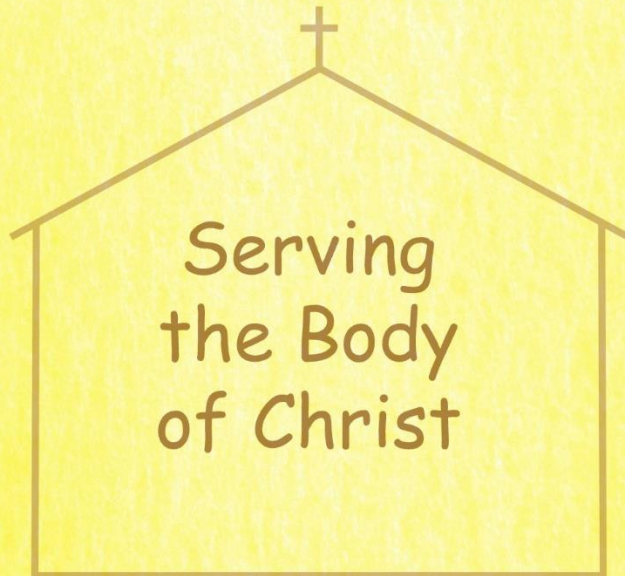


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in church



GOD CAN USE ME:  
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"Serve the Lord with all your heart."  
Romans 12:11

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## Lesson 24: *Serving God* (Condensed Version)

Saint Matthew's Anglican Church Children's Ministries

GOD CAN USE ME - SERVING (Scripture: Romans 12:11; Matthew 6:19-20)

Year 2. Kingdom Life  
Unit 8: Serving God

**Objectives:** To explain that: \*We can serve God no matter what our age, even if we are young. Jesus can use our small and large gifts and service for great things. \* We serve God by serving our church and others in the world. When we serve God's family (the church), we serve Jesus, because we are all part of his body, the Body of Christ. \*We love God and others by serving them. This is putting our love for God and others into action. \*God will reward us in heaven for serving him here on earth. And those heavenly rewards will last forever.

**Review & "I Wonder" Questions:** (*Show Servant King poster*) We have been learning about serving God and serving one another. We learned that Jesus is the Servant King who came to serve and give his life to set us free from sin. His Kingdom is the upside-down Kingdom, where those who want to be great must serve others. (*Show 5 Loaves and 2 Fish poster*) We also learned that Jesus used the small gift of food from a young boy to feed more than 5000 people. Jesus can also use **our** gifts and service to bring **his** life to the world. (*Show today's poster*) Jesus can use our gifts no matter what age we are. Today we are going to talk more about serving God and others. \*Do you see the boy sweeping in this picture? \***I wonder** who the boy is serving by sweeping up the leaves. Let's find out more in our lesson...

**Lesson Props:** Year 2 lesson posters: Lesson 22 and 23. Bible verse on page 3. Post-it notes to write children's suggestions on.

**Lesson Summary:** Did you know, another word for "serving" is "helping"? We can help others by giving our time, talents, and energy. When we are helping others, or serving them, we are also serving God! We can serve God in different ways and in different places. Let's start by talking about serving in **church**. (*Point to poster*) When we serve our church family, who are part of the Body of Christ, we are actually serving Jesus. What are some things that you can do now as a child, to serve God in church? (*Write children's ideas on post-it notes and place under the heading "Serving God in church". Examples from Saint Matthew's: Help tidy up after coffee time, pray for others, be kind and helpful, use our talents to bless others, give money. Be a junior leader in Sunday school, be a crucifer or acolyte.*) Those are special ways that we can serve God and each other here in church. But what about outside of church? (*Point to poster*) How can we bring God's life and love to the world? Let's list some ways we can serve people in **other places** such as at home, or at school, or in our neighbourhood. (*Write children's ideas on post-it notes and place under the heading "Serving God in other places". Examples: Tell our friends about Jesus, pray for others to know Jesus, be kind and help others, be a friend to those who don't have friends, help with chores at home, give money or time to those who have need, visit those who are sick or lonely, use our talents to bless others.*) These actions are all about loving God and loving others, aren't they? We can love God and others by serving them. We put our love into action. Did you know that when we serve God, we store up treasures for ourselves in heaven? Let's read what the Bible has to say about this. Who can read this verse for us? (*Child read verse on pg. 3*) What a wonderful promise! God will reward us in heaven for the ways we have served him here on earth. And those heavenly rewards will last forever! Sometimes we might serve, and people don't notice. But God sees **everything** you do, and he will reward you in heaven. Our memory verse also talks about serving. Who can read this verse for us? (*Child read Luke 6:38 on poster*) Just like God calls us to **love** him with **all** our heart, so God also calls us to **serve** him with **all** our heart. When we love and serve God, then we bring **his** life and love to the world.

**Suggested Questions:** \***What does this lesson tell us about God?** (He wants us to love and serve him and others. He will reward us in heaven for the ways we served him here on earth.) \***Do you have to be a certain age to serve God?** (No, we can serve God at any age.) \***Will God reward us for serving him and others?** (Yes, God will reward us in heaven for serving him on earth. He will reward us for the things nobody else noticed as well. God sees everything we do for him and others.) \***Who is great in the upside-down Kingdom of God?** (Those who serve others.)

**Bible Memory Verse:** "Serve the Lord with all your heart." Romans 12:11b – ICB

"Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them.

But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them."

(Matthew 6:19-20)

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