

PANORAMA of EDUCATIONAL THOUGHTS

An Old Educator's Views of Adventist Education

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Thoughts on Service and Christian Education:

Page 13 of the book *Education* tells us that true education "... prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."

Service—in the classroom, the community, or to anyone who needs help—develops the spirit of love. You can use school time, after school hours, or weekends—even Sabbaths. It is like taking your classroom on a mission trip. The blessings are not only to those served, but to the students, the faculty, the parents, and the church. This will change your school.

Need Ideas for Service Activities? Ask your students what they would like to do for a service activity. These links can get you started: http://www.tc.pbskids.org/zoom/grownups/action/pdfs/volunteer_guide.pdf <http://yeswecare.org.au/ideas.shtml>
Here are several more ideas with links to help you plan.

1. Donate time or raise money for ADRA <http://www.adra.org/VBS/main.html>
2. Begin a Branch Sabbath School for kids in the neighborhood. <http://www.sabbathschoolpersonalministries.org/article.php?id=35>
3. Organize a Homework Helpers Club. <http://www.bhg.com/health-family/school/homework/online-homework-helpers>
4. Make birthday cards for the elderly. <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Birthday-Cake-Pop-up-Card>
5. Participate in National Youth Service Day. <http://www.ysa.org>
6. Ring the bell for Salvation Army during the holidays. http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www_usn_2.nsf
7. Offer a safety tips class for youngsters during Halloween. <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/octhalloween.cfm>
8. Knit or crochet baby blankets. <http://www.wikihow.com/Knit-Blankets>
9. Collect old magazines and donate them to day Mc Donalds House. <http://www.ronaldshousehershey.org/magazines.htm>
10. Collect unused perfume and cosmetics for a center for abused women. <http://www.beautifythameek.org>
11. Collect and donate old eyeglasses to an organization that recycles them for the needy. <http://donateglasses.org>
12. Start a campaign against teen suicide. <http://www.focusas.com/Suicide.html>
13. Conduct bike safety checks for your neighborhood. http://bicycling.about.com/od/allaboutyourbike/a/five_bike_check.htm
14. Start a D.A.R.E. Program. http://www.dare.com/officers/Officers_StartaDAREProgram/Default075b.asp?N=Officers_StartaDAREProgram&M=43&S=0
15. Join a community crime prevention organizations such as McGruff. <http://www.mcgruff.org>
16. Help publish a list of hotlines for kids who might need help. <http://www.mvls.info/kids/help.html>
17. Organize a "Kids Helping Kids" program at your school. <http://www.tpathways.org/kidshelping.htm>
18. Help set up a web page for kids to learn about Jesus. <http://www.tagnet.org/adventist.fm/kids.htm>
19. Provide child care during a Home & School meeting. http://www.ehow.com/how_2198044_babysitting-kit.html
20. Inspect school playgrounds for hazards. <http://www.keepschoolssafe.org/school/playground-check.htm>
21. Help cook and/or serve a meal at homeless shelter. http://www.ehow.com/how_2058615_feed-homeless.html
22. Bake bread and give it to your neighbors. <http://homeschooling.about.com/library/blnov17a.htm>
23. Donate art supplies to kids in a homeless shelter. <http://charityguide.org/volunteer/fewhours/school-supplies.htm>
24. Collect or clip grocery coupons to give a local food bank. http://www.athomemoms.com/pgs_ahm/coupons.shtml
25. Bake a batch of cookies and deliver them to a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. <http://cookie.betterrecipes.com>
26. Help raise money for Reading Is Fundamental Open Book Program <http://www.rif.org>
27. Make first aid kits for homeless shelters. <http://www.mamashealth.com/faid>
28. Raise money for Braille or large print books for blind or visually impaired people. <http://christianrecord.org>
29. Read books or the newspaper on tape for blind or visually impaired people. http://www.rfbd.org/support_1.htm
30. Help fix a run-down playground. http://www.acfnewsources.org/democracy/playground_politics.html
31. Adopt a town monument and keep it clean. http://www.iccrom.org/eng/05advocacy_en/05_02models_en/04adopt01_en.shtml
32. If you play an instrument, help a someone else learn to play. <http://42explore.com/musicmnts.htm>
33. Serve as an usher at a school program or for church. <http://www.wikihow.com/Usher-in-a-Church>
34. Make bird feeders for public places. <http://www.osweb.com/kidzkorner/feeder.htm>
37. Collect aluminum cans and donate the money to a favorite charity. <http://www.aluminium-cans.com.au/RecycleCentre.html>
38. Visit a nursing home and adopt a "grandfriend" <http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/action/way06.html>

END OF THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

That is all the room we have for the Oct. PET newsletter. I hope you found information you wanted to read, download, and/or use.

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May you continue to realize the blessings God has for you as you minister to His kids,

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