

# SERVING IDEAS THROUGH THE PHASES PRESCHOOL

- **Start praying brave.** Ask God to give you guidance, creativity and energy to make serving a lifestyle. Together with your child, dream up some brave ways you can serve and try one out!
- **Collect loose change** at home together and put it in a fun and noisy container. Use it as a musical instrument on the way to church. Ask God to do great things with the money and put it in the offering. Let your child experience the joy of giving every chance you can get.
- **Take a morning stroll** in your neighborhood on Saturday or Sunday. Let your toddler learn to lend a hand by picking up a neighbor's newspaper and taking it to their front doorstep.
- **Model the language** of kindness and politeness with three simple words: "You Go First." If there's a chance to do something first (like walking into the house or getting out of the car) say it! Use this phrase just as often as "please" and "thank you" and you'll find that it's contagious.
- **Help your child** pick out a birthday present that their friend would like.
- **Draw a picture** or make a homemade card for a friend or relative.
- **Party on a whim!** Celebrate someone for no particular reason—bake a cake, create a video, make up a cheer or have a water balloon fight. No rhyme or reason necessary—except that they're valuable to you and to God!
- **Teach your child to be a joy spreader** by sharing a favorite fun toy with a bummed out friend.
- **Plan some time in the evening** to dream up a breakfast surprise for someone in your family. Then help your child make it a reality in the morning. Love can come in breakfast form!
- **Offer a cold drink** or a re-energizing snack to a work crew in your neighborhood. Before you do, ask your child to pretend they're part of the work crew. Ask your child questions about what they think the crew might need.

