



**KIDS WITH HELPING HANDS  
(Children's Story/Parable)**

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**Object lesson:** Small acts of kindness are important. Show objects representative of big ways of helping others. Compare this to a simple cup of cold water and explain that even doing small things, such as giving a cup of water in the name of Jesus, can make a very important difference in the lives of others.

**Objects:** Some suggestions: doctor's stethoscope, toolbox, scientist's microscope, firefighter's hat, cook's apron, Pastor's Bible, rake, snow shovel, etc.

**Children's Sermon:**

Good Morning Children. This morning I'm thinking about some important ways for serving others and doing the sort of things that would show others about God. Do you know what this is? Yes, it's a microscope. Scientists often use microscopes. I would love to be a scientist and find a cure for cancer or cure for some other disease that hurts people. That would be a good way to serve others, don't you think?

Do you know what this thing is? Yes, it's called a stethoscope. Doctors and nurses use it to check up on people who have some illness. I would love to be a doctor and serve others by helping people get better all over the world.

Look at this. It's a toolbox. What good things could a carpenter build? Those are good ideas. I would like to build a big school in a place where children had no school to attend. What else could we do with tools that would help others or serve them?

We have talked about some great ways of serving God and serving others. Maybe someday you will be a doctor or a scientist or a builder / carpenter. However, in the Bible, in Mark 9, Jesus said that even the small things we do for one another are important.

Look at this glass of water. Jesus said that even if we "give a cup of water" to someone in need it's an important way to serve. Read the text from Mark 9:38-50. Helping others in small ways is still very important. God notices all the very small things we do for others. He promises that He will use us to bless others and that we will also be blessed.

What things will you do this week to serve and help other people in your neighborhood, school, or home?

**Children's Prayer – Serving others:** Dear God. I pray that this week these children will help make big changes in the world, by doing small acts of service in Your name. Please show all of us how we can reach out to others every day to serve and love them in Your name. Amen