

What are you
SERVING?

Study

WHO ARE YOU SERVING?



Kindergarten Social Development

- ▶ Want to act like their friends and seek their approval
- ▶ Become jealous of other people spending time with “their” friends
- ▶ Follow the rules most of the time and may criticize kids who don’t follow the rules
- ▶ Enjoy showing off; they’ll sing, dance, or be silly to get attention
- ▶ Want your approval and to be taken seriously
- ▶ May have tantrums or get angry if they think they’re not being listened to
- ▶ Start to understand why it’s helpful to share and get along with other kids

First Grade Social Development

- ▶ Are more independent, but less secure (they may want a lot of attention and approval from adults)
- ▶ Form and break friendships easily, and can be critical of other kids
- ▶ Get their feelings hurt more easily and start being very aware of other people's feelings
- ▶ Are eager to please and want to "be first" and win
- ▶ Understand right from wrong, but look for the loopholes in rules to get what they want
- ▶ Are more aware of how others see them
- ▶ Begin to understand what it means to feel embarrassed

Second & Third Grade Social Development

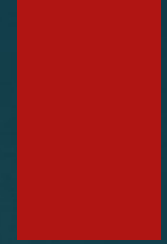
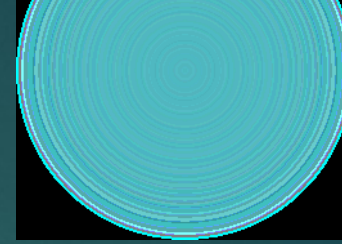
- ▶ Have moments of extreme insecurity and need a lot of encouragement from their family
- ▶ Enjoy being part of a team, group, or club
- ▶ Spend more time with and are easily influenced by peers
- ▶ Experience periods of dramatic emotion and impatience (feeling that everyone is against them) and then bounce right back to everything being just fine
- ▶ Start seeing things from other points of view and incorporate that into everyday life
- ▶ Be somewhat aware of others' perceptions of them
- ▶ Want to behave well, but aren't yet very attentive to directions
- ▶ Share secrets and jokes with friends

Fourth & Fifth Grade Social Development

- ▶ Are uncertain about puberty and changes to their bodies
- ▶ Are insecure or have mood swings and struggle with self-esteem (This tends to be more pronounced in girls.)
- ▶ Are increasingly independent from family, withdraw more from family activities, and need privacy
- ▶ Form stronger and more complex friendships
- ▶ May face strong peer pressure and find it hard to resist if they struggle with self-esteem (Learn how to give praise that boosts your child's self-esteem.)
- ▶ Have a deeper understanding of how relationships with others can include more than just common interests
- ▶ Have a first crush or pretend to have crushes to fit in with peers
- ▶ Value friends' opinions; share secrets and inside jokes
- ▶ Are kind, silly, and curious, but also can be self-involved, moody, and disrespectful

Middle Schoolers Social Development

- ▶ Bow to peer pressure to be like others
- ▶ Have experiences with bullying or cyberbullying
- ▶ Be sensitive to other people's opinions and reactions, and think the whole world is watching them
- ▶ Develop a sense of pride in accomplishments and awareness of their challenges
- ▶ Keep secrets (often just having secrets is more important than the secret they're keeping)
- ▶ Have a better awareness of what's appropriate to say in conversation
- ▶ Are introspective and moody, and need more privacy



Bible Study



Serving through to get to your purpose

- ▶ Genesis 37:18 – Plotted against
- ▶ Genesis 37:24 – Thrown into a pit
- ▶ Genesis 37:26-27 Sold to Ishmaelites
- ▶ Genesis 39:1- Sold to Potiphar
- ▶ Genesis 39:19-20 – Thrown into jail

Serving through to get to your purpose

- ▶ Genesis 40:6-8 Serving obediently brings forth a realization of your purpose
- ▶ Genesis 41: 14 Called to move in your purpose
- ▶ Genesis 41: 38 – 40 Moving in Purpose Elevation occurs

Serving through your purpose

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▶ John 13: 1-11

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Pray, Prepare, and Serve

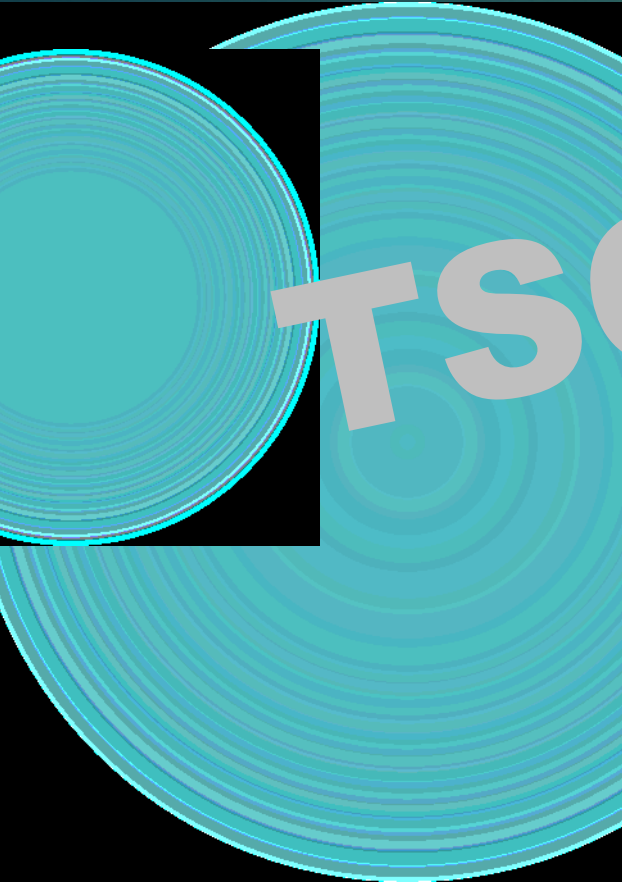
Quick Meal Ministry

minute spaghetti – no flavor, no
one wants to eat it



Rare out the box

no consideration, no direction taken to
prepare this meal



TV DINNER TESTIMONY

Cold, not real, shallow, no love involved –
“They asked me to come speak with
you”



Looks good on the outside
Sprinkled season on the outside to
appear flavorful



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What are you serving?
Is it sacrificial, detailed attention.



Are you well prepared to serve?
Where did you get your groceries?



Simple love, thoughtfulness, and truth can be beautiful, tasteful, and fulfilling to those you serve

