

WEEK 3: GIVING JOY THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM

READ	PRAY	LEARN	GIVE	DO	GO
<p>Galatians 6:10 "So then, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the family of faith."</p> <p>Add a dime every day this week for each person in your household who recites it correctly.</p>	<p>Pray that our family of faith might be enlarged. That we might have the capacity to invite our children and families to the table. That we may have eyes to see all the ways in which the children & teenagers of our community contribute to the body of Christ. Pray for the volunteers that they might form our children and youth in significant and meaningful ways.</p>	<p>Explore The Fuller Youth Institute: fulleryouthinstitute.org</p> <p>Read an article or two from the site on the importance of inter-generational ministries.</p> <p>Learn more about "Sticky Faith." Begin to see the ways that non-parental mentors are integral to faith formation.</p>	<p>Share your experiences, life's lessons, and stories with the children and youth in the church! Give of your time, your talents, and your love. Show God's mercy, grace, and love through your words and deeds. Give freely of your smiles, laughter, and joy. Whatever you give will be given back to you ten-fold!</p> <p>Add 50 cents for an important mentor from your teen years. Send them a thank you note, if you can!</p>	<p>Contact the children & youth leaders of the church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelle James, Children's Director: shelle@sdfcnaz.com • Niko Garcia, Mid-High Pastor: niko@sdfcnaz.com • Matt Wilson, Senior High Pastor: matt@sdfcnaz.com <p>Ask about the ways that you can be of service, what needs they may have, and the best ways you can help them in reaching the young people within our community.</p>	<p>Volunteer in the nursery, teach a Children's Sunday School, or mentor a mid-high or senior high school student.</p> <p>Help with fundraisers and contribute to them.</p> <p>Share creative ideas you may have for fundraising.</p> <p>Be willing to speak to youth on relevant topics in which you have expertise.</p> <p>See if there are children who don't have extended family close-by. Volunteer to be an adopted grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, or friend.</p>



lexii's story:

"I was adopted when I was 3 years old. It honestly has been the best thing that has ever happened to me. God has used Mary and Stanley (my adoptive parents) to love me in ways that I would not have been loved if I stayed with my biological parents. Stanley was 60 years old and Mary was 53 years old when they chose to take me in. They truly had no idea what was going to happen when they took me in, but standing where we are today, life is so much sweeter because of their faithfulness to God and to the tug they felt on their hearts. I am a lover of and believer in Jesus because of them. I have experienced the love of the Father because I was adopted into a Christian home and I will forever be grateful to be adopted!"

- Lexii Ybarra, First Church Member & PLNU Admissions Counselor

