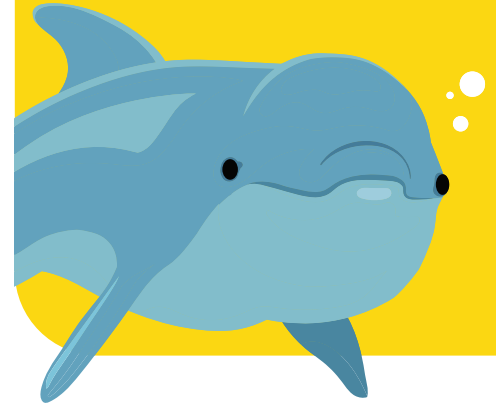


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SAY IT:

Service means lending a hand to help someone else.

KNOW IT:

ASK A KID:

- Has anyone ever helped you out when you were in need?
- Think of a time when you noticed someone in your class or at your school needed something. It might have been school supplies, new shoes, or a snack for snack time. Did you see anyone show compassion toward that student? Maybe a teacher or other school staff member helped out with that need. Maybe next time it could be you.

ASK A GROWN UP:

- How does it feel to provide for a need for someone else?
- What are some opportunities to serve in your life right now? What are some ways you served others as a child?
- Share some examples of service that you have experienced in your lifetime.

SEE IT:

Each year local churches and other organizations engage in a project called Operation Christmas Child. This is where people pack shoeboxes filled with hygiene items, toys and school supplies to be sent all over the world to children in need. This is a great opportunity to share love and lend a hand to someone in need. View the video below to find out more about this great project and its impact on children all over the world.

<https://video.samaritanspurse.org/the-great-commission-in-action>

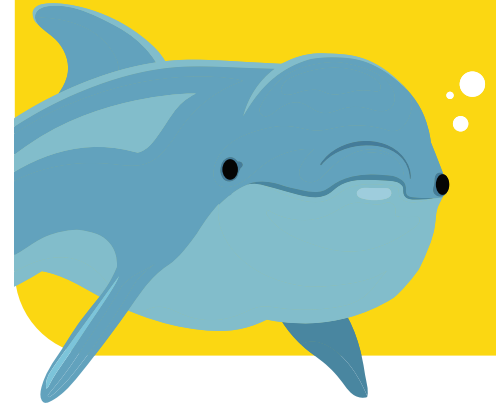
BE IT:

Take some time this month to evaluate the needs of people in your life. One night a week, sit down as a family and identify people at school, at work, at practice or even in your own home that have a need. Consider and discuss as a family what can be done about that need the following week and set out to do something about it.

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By the time kids hit upper elementary, they begin to realize their first major crisis: **Friendship.**

This isn't just something that happens to our fourth and fifth graders. Believe it or not, research is beginning to show that by kindergarten many kids are testing the power of their influence and seeking connections with friends at any cost.

Meaning, as soon as they become aware there are other people in the world besides them, they start making decisions based on the sort of friends they want to attract.

Here are a few ways you can help your elementary kids develop friendships.

- Help them develop self-confidence.
- Widen the circle of people around them to include adults you trust.
- Ask questions about what's happening in their friendships.
- Don't freak out! Every Phase is new for your child and you as a parent, so there will be some bumps in the road.

So don't miss it. Developing friendships is a part of being a kid, and each one is learning as they go.