

Faith in Action Preparation Worksheet

This worksheet is designed to help you develop your project idea for Faith in Action and is required to be submitted as your project proposal to Kristi Kellogg (kristi@oslc.com). Please copy Pastor Matt (pastormatt@oslc.com) and Deborah Toenjes (deborah@oslc.com) on your emailed proposal.

Faith in Action is a ministry of OSLC designed to help people be on mission in their personal lives by **seeking**, **recognizing**, and **responding** to the needs in their immediate world. Faith in Action is an important part of what we do as Jesus-followers at OSLC. This worksheet is broken into three parts to help you put together your Faith in Action project proposal.

- **Seek** where God is moving in your midst. It starts with being on the lookout and learning the stories of others in the people around you. The goal of this section is to help you identify who you will help.
- **Recognizing** the needs. When we are engaged with others and know their stories, we develop an awareness to the needs of those around us. The goal of this section is to help you identify the unmet needs of the person you will help.
- **Respond** with love by offering resources, acts of service, and encouragement. The goal of this section is to help you identify the tangible effort you will make to meet the identified needs of the person you will help.

Timeline

4 weeks out

- Contact [Kristi](#) (always CC Pastor Matt and Deborah) with your project proposal.
- [Recommend your project online](#) upon approval.
- Identify an adult co-leader (a parent, an adult relative, a coach or mentor). Your co-leader is someone who has the skills and resources to help you complete the task. If you cannot find an adult to help you plan and organize materials, Tracy will recommend a FIA mentor.

3 weeks out

- Visit the job with your co-leader site to assess materials, tools, and contact the client.

2 weeks out

- Work together to finish up gathering tools; last week to make adjustments on planning.

Week of

- Introduce a project to a group, invite client to lunch, stay for lunch and report.

Seek

Personal connections are an essential part to building bridges to the community to share the Gospel. Are there people around you (peers, parents' friends, neighbors, grandparents, teachers, coaches etc.) that you suspect might be struggling or need encouragement, but aren't sure? Who are they? What's your plan to learn more about their story?

Who are the people around you (peers, parents' friends, neighbors, grandparents, teachers, coaches etc.) that you see experiencing struggle or in need of encouragement? What is their struggle and/or how could they be encouraged?

If you're stumped, try it this way: What's an interest that you have? What is a way it can be used to bless another person? Does the recipient exist in our neighborhood or congregation?

Recognize

Who are the people you've identified? Is there an underlying situation or circumstance that is causing these needs or them to be discouraged? Are there ways you can help with those underlying challenges?

Respond

List the people and the needs you have identified. For each, come up with 2-3 ways you could help meet their needs, encourage them, or bring them joy.

What resources will you need to meet the needs of these people? How will you gather the supplies? Is the OSLC supplied \$200 enough to cover the cost? If you need more, how will you raise additional money (Thrivent, Life Group, neighbors, etc.)?

Your project should be big enough to last 3 hours and involve the help of other people. How many people will you need to help you? What type of people will you need? Do they need to have any specific skills? Are there certain tools you will need to gather?

Decision Time

Make a decision about who you should help. Then take 1 week and pray for God to affirm that decision or change your mind. If it's the same, that's who you should help and what you should do. If it's a different person, that's who you should help and what you should do.

Student's Name: _____ Adult Co-Leader's Name: _____

Project Description:

(Student's Signature) (Parent's Signature) Date: _____

Ideas when stumped: Buying for Backpacks 4 Kids; meal ministry; flowers/cookies to neighbors; bless others with a skill/interest; neighborhood sports, arts, theater mini camp; bless our segment of the population/congregation (veterans, widows, single parents, teen parents, etc.).