

# 24 Ideas for Volunteering with Kids

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1. Take cookies to firefighters or police officers.
2. Invite friends over for a pajama party so that their parents can have a date night.
3. Deliver cards and treats to nursing home residents.
4. Serve a meal together at the Lighthouse Mission.
5. Help out in your child's class or nursery room at church.
6. Sign up to walk or run for a good cause.
7. Instead of birthday gifts, ask friends to bring money or supplies to be donated to the charity of your child's choosing.
8. Donate socks and underwear (a common but often unspoken need) to a homeless shelter.
9. Sponsor a child through an organization like Compassion or World Vision. We've sponsored kids through World Vision and through private orphanages in Guatemala. We love and recommend [Friends of Children Everywhere](#) and [New Life Children's Home](#).
10. Sort through your toy collection and generously contribute to a local toy swap.
11. Sell toys, clothing, gear and then donate the money to a good cause.
12. Ask restaurant management if your kids can vacuum or wipe down tables. (Some restaurants will say no, but if it's an establishment you frequent often, they might humor you.)
13. Drop off used building supplies, furniture, and artwork at your local Habitat ReStore.
14. Volunteer to deliver meals to senior citizens via a group like Meals on Wheels.
15. Older children could volunteer at your local children's museum or the library.
16. Collect and donate canned goods for a local food pantry.
17. Clean litter boxes, play with the animals, sweep up pet fur, or walk dogs at your local animal shelter.
18. Pick up trash around your neighborhood.
19. Consider training to be a foster family.
20. Give a gift to your mailman or garbage collector.
21. Collect supplies for babies and new parents (gloves and mittens, picture frames, piggy banks, photo albums, diaper cream, teething toys) and donate them to your local pregnancy center.
22. Surprise neighbors with baked goods or homemade gifts.
23. Take a meal to a family with a new baby.
24. For more ideas, check out this list of [ways to provide comfort](#) and this list of ideas to [help fight poverty](#)!