



Activity Time

What you need: A copy of the “Volunteer for Community Service” activity (for each of your children), scissors, glue, tape and heavy card stock.

Preparation

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Cut out all pieces.
3. Glue or tape side pieces of head band to center.
4. Tape ends together to fit child's head.

Activity:

1. To the tune of “Yankee Doodle Dandy” teach your family the “Volunteer” song. Verse also found on the star of their headbands:



I'm a community volunteer,
In this country that I love.
A real live helper with my family,
We're serving our Father above.

2. Ask: What does it mean to be a community volunteer? (Discuss ideas.)
3. Explain to your children that you are not only being patriotic when you serve in your community, but that you are also serving our Heavenly Father.
4. Read: “But charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever, and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with him.” (Moroni 7:47)

Ask: What does it mean to serve with charity? (Discuss ideas.)

5. Ask: What can we volunteer to do to serve our community? (Choose a community service project that your family can charitably volunteer to do.)

Ideas: Have a clean up day at the city park, plant flowers or weed the garden for an elderly neighbor, perform a patriotic musical program or skit for a nursing home, clean headstones at your local cemetery, collect food for the homeless, help serve at a homeless shelter, collect items for the church's humanitarian aid (see items needed @ www.lds.org), clean off bus or park benches, etc. You can also check with your city for volunteer opportunities.

6. Have children wear their headbands and sing the “Volunteer” song, while they work on their community service project.

