

Am I Willing to Serve?

1 Kings 17-19

Objectives:

■ Talk about the blessings that come from serving others. Emphasize that the prayers of others can be answered through our willingness to help.

Reinforces Principles of:

Service

Reverence Time

Song: I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus, Children's Songbook page 78

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/im-trying-to-be-like-jesus

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:15

"And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days."

Video: Watch this week's clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at

https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-serve

Lesson Summary:

Elijah asked God to allow a famine upon the land because of the wickedness of King Ahab. As Elijah traveled, the Lord told him that he should drink from the brook and that ravens would bring him food. Because of the famine, the brook dried up, and the Lord told Elijah to go to the Widow of Zarephath and she would give him food and water.

The Widow of Zarephath was preparing to make a last meal for herself and her son with the last bit of food they had. She prayed for help. Elijah came and promised her that if she would feed him first, she would never run out of food. With faith, the Widow made a small cake and served it to Elijah. Just as the Lord through Elijah promised, her meal and oil never ran out.

We can show our neighbors that we love them by providing service. In the scriptures we learn that our neighbors are everyone around us. We can show service in many ways. We can say a kind word, write a friendly note, help someone with their work, or provide things they need. When we serve those around us, we are also serving God.

Quote:

"I extol you who, with loving care and compassionate concern, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and house the homeless. He who notes the sparrow's fall will not be unmindful of such service. The desire to lift, the willingness to help, and the graciousness to give come from a heart filled with love. Serve willingly."

Thomas S. Monson

Questions:

How does loving our neighbor show Heavenly Father that we love him? Did the Lord answer the Widow of Zarephath's prayers through Elijah? How was the Widow of Zarephath blessed for her service to Elijah? What acts of service can our family give?

Description:

Playing the "SERVE" game is a fun way for your family to learn about many different ways to serve and bless the lives of others.

What you need:

■ A copy of the "SERVE" game (artwork included with this lesson, scissors, a handful of small candies, cereal puffs or beans per person, prizes. Optional: Cardstock and glue for more durability

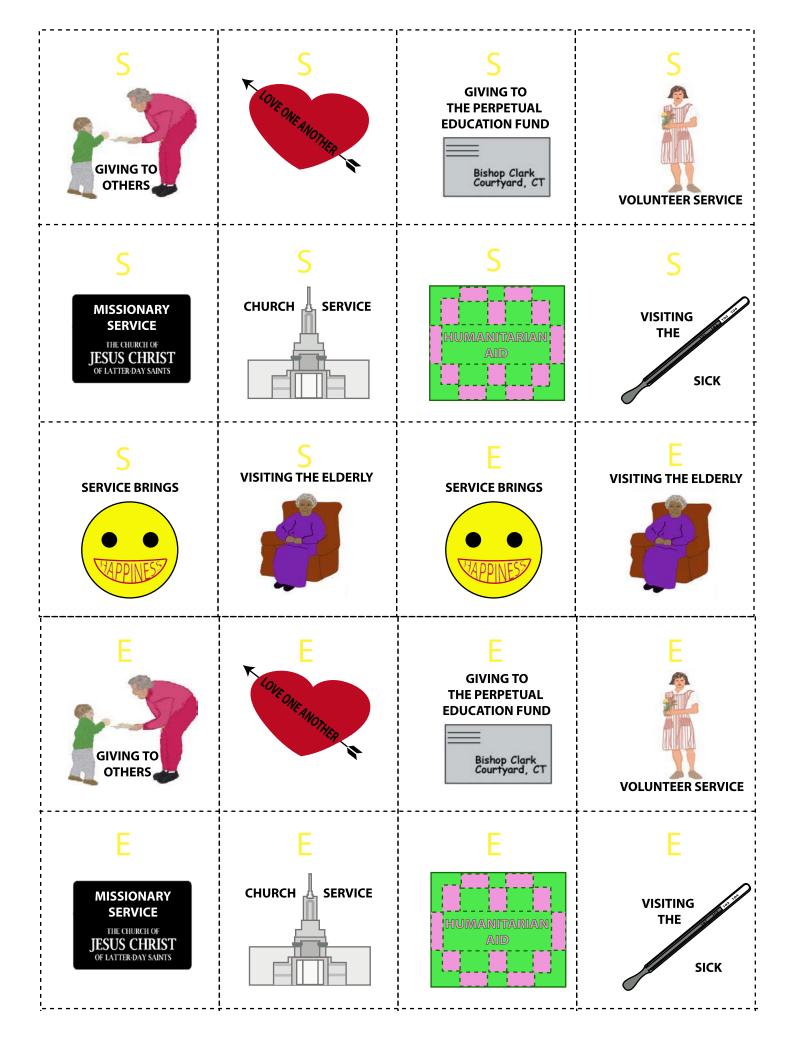
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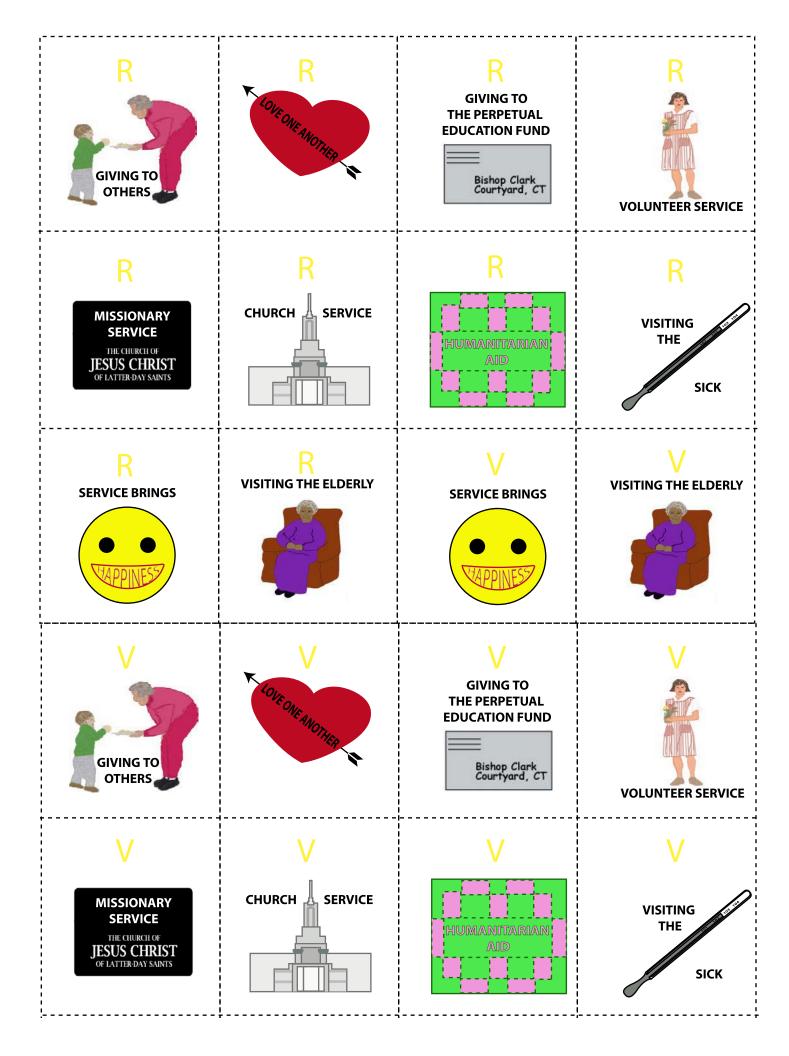
- 1. Print out the artwork (one "SERVE" card per person).
- 2. Cut along all dotted lines. Optional: Glue to cardstock for more durability.

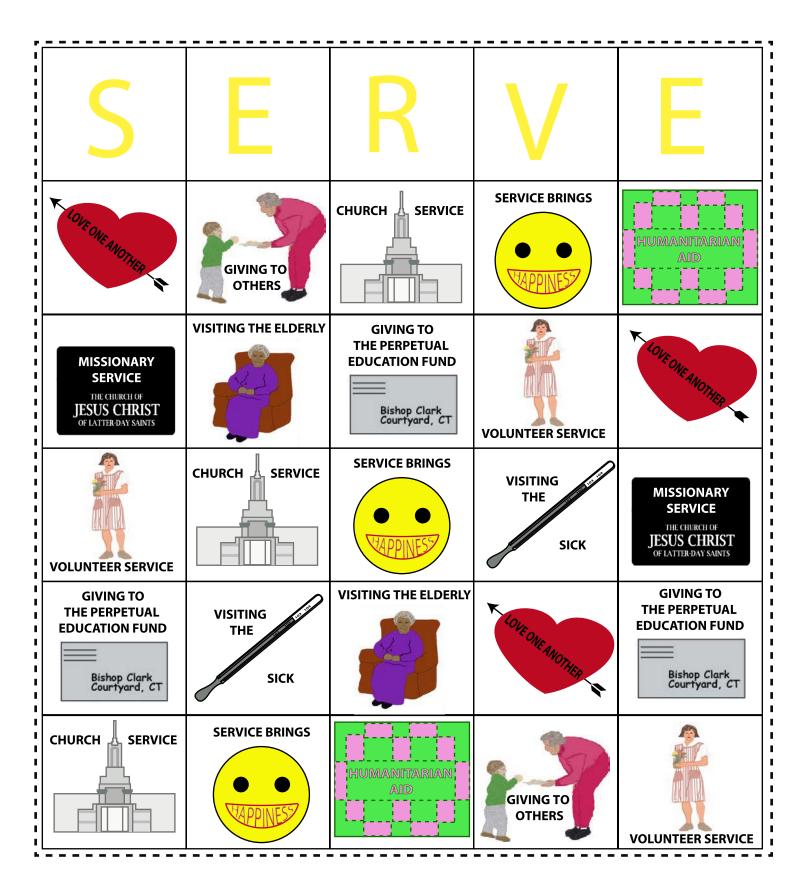
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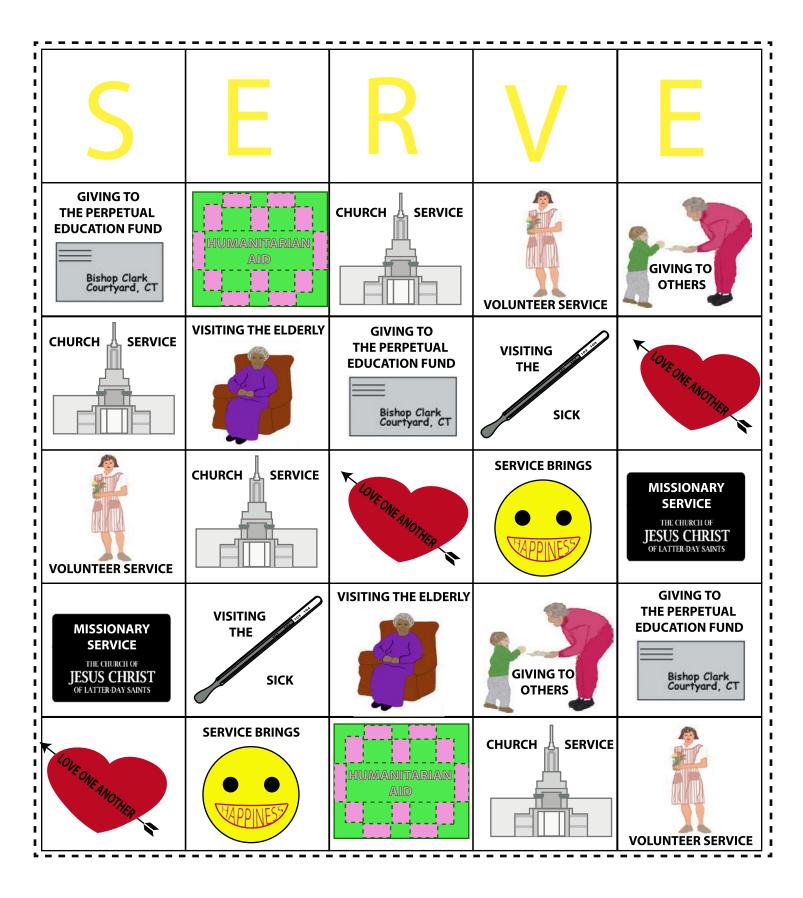
(Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

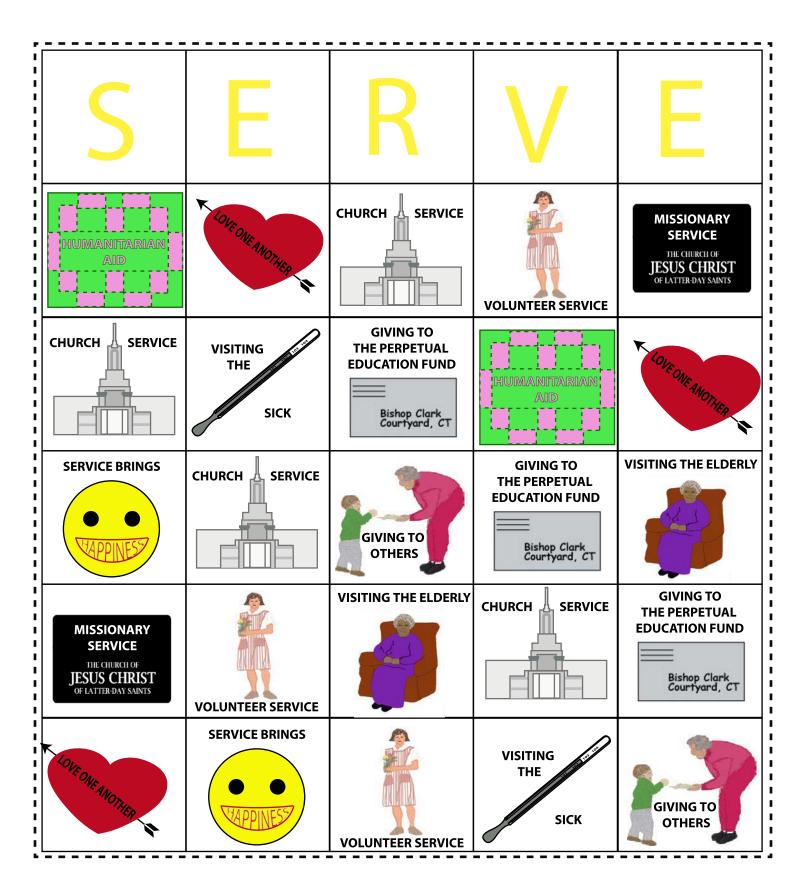
- 1. Place calling cards into a hat or bowl.
- 2. Choose one person to be the caller.
- 3. Hand out one "SERVE" card to each family member.
- 4. The caller pulls out one calling card at a time, gives a description of the card and then shows it to the players.
- 5. The players will then place candy, cereal or beans on the called image, if it is on their card. (Be sure to check both rows of "E's" for the called "E' images.)
- 6. The first person with the predetermined pattern (5 in a row, an "X" shape, etc.,) on their card calls out "SERVE."
- 7. The person with "SERVE" picks a prize after telling one thing that they can do to serve others.

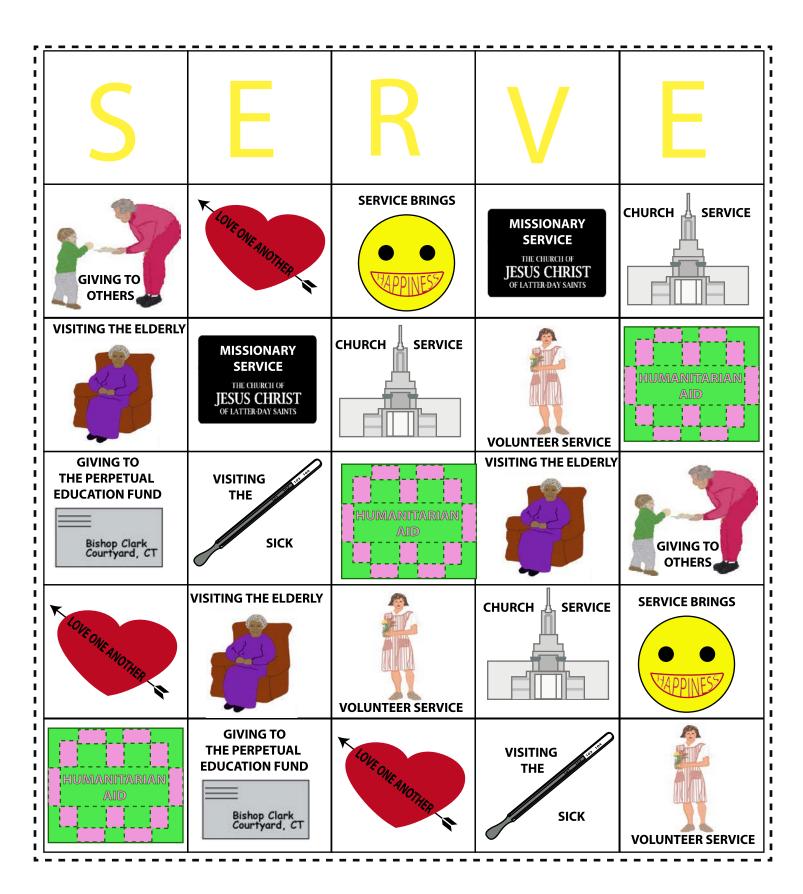


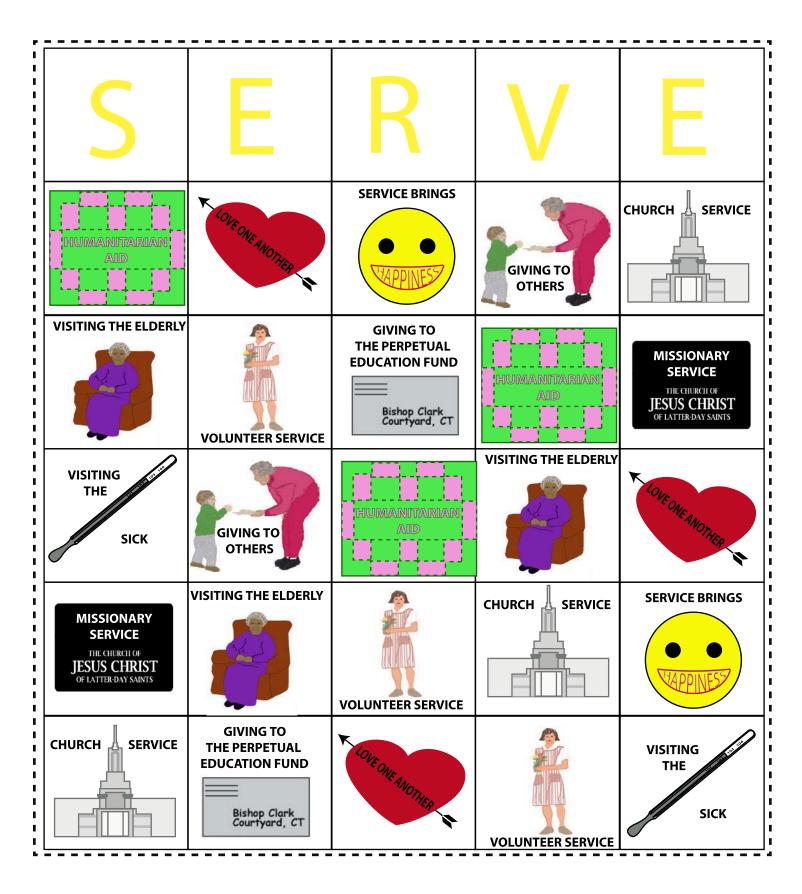


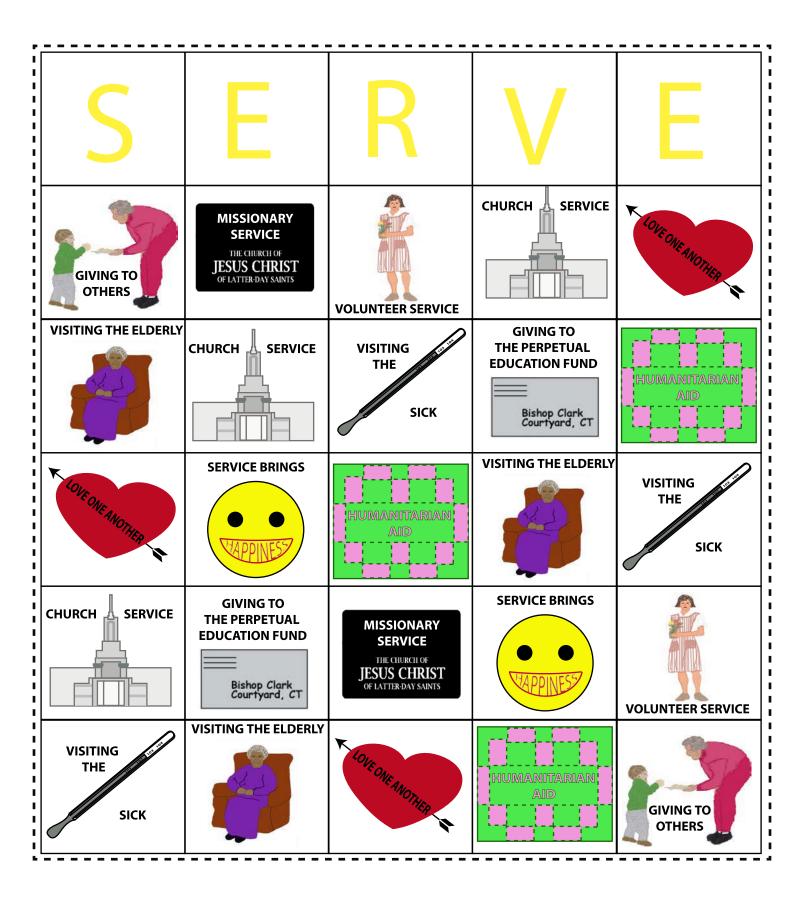


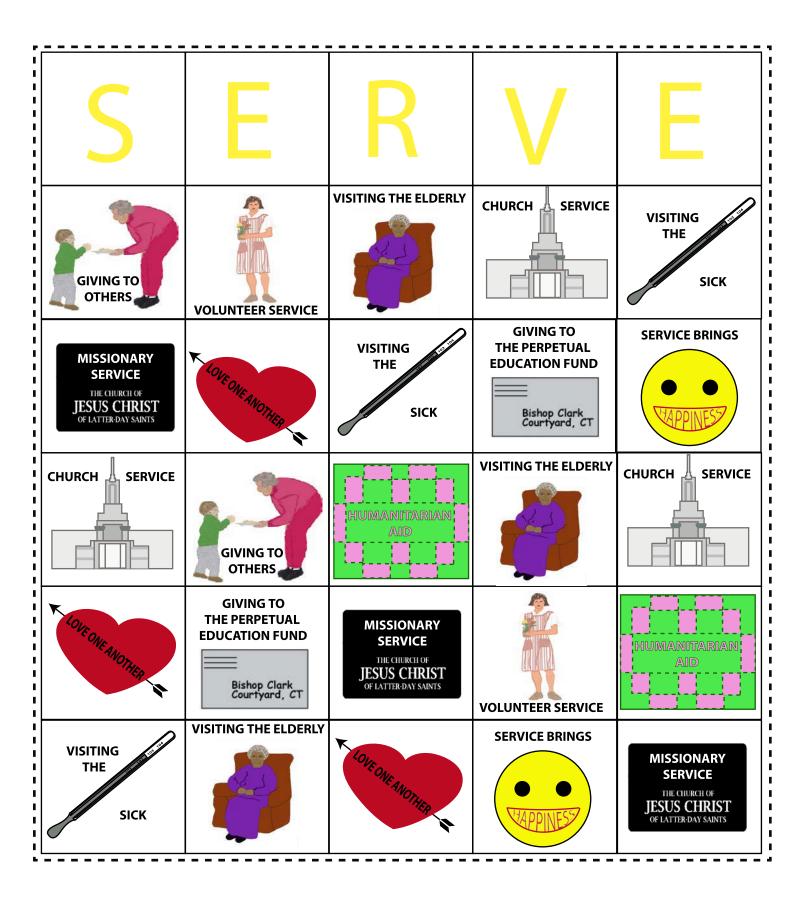


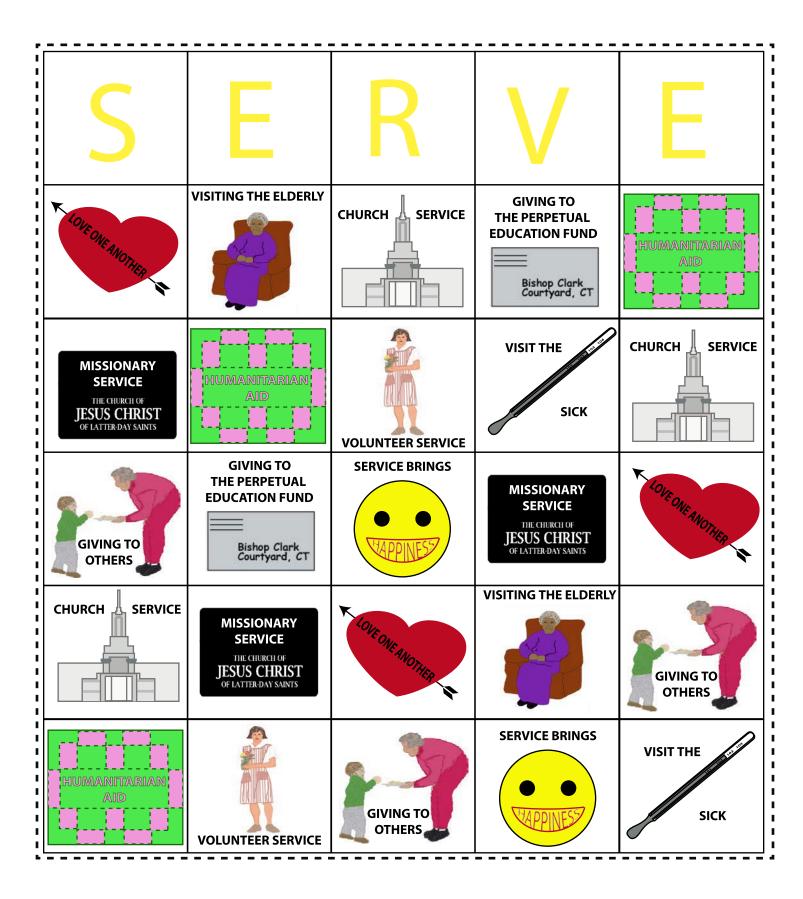












Treat Time

Cracked Shortbread Cake

Prep Time: 5 minutes **Bake Time:** 35 minutes

Ingredients: 1/2 c. butter

1/4 c. sugar 1 1/4 c. flour 1/8 tsp. salt



Instructions:

Cream butter until smooth. Sift together salt, flour and sugar. Slowly add dry ingredients to butter. Beat thoroughly. Line one 9 inch pan with wax paper. Press dough evenly into pan until surface is smooth.

Treat Time: Let children help prick top of shortbread cake with fork to make design. With a knife, make a crack going through the shortbread cake. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Let cool in pan before serving. Serve with cold glasses of milk if desired.