

# DEER LAKE SCHOOL

## GRADE 5 SERVANT LEADERS



**T**he Grade 5 class at Deer Lake School, near Vancouver, Canada, has been working on becoming leaders through the 7 Habits program. They have shown leadership inside and outside the classroom through their service to one another and to their community. They are an integral part of the school with their involvement in the Junior choir, school gymnastics team, environmental Green Team, small prayer groups, and the school Pathfinder Club. They are kindhearted, friendly students who yearn to know more about Jesus and share Him with others.

**-MS. ANGELA MCQUEEN, TEACHER**

### MOISES

I can help someone by asking them if they need any help. God doesn't want us to struggle. When you do help someone it can be passed on. This is called the domino effect—one goes after another. Love is contagious. If we do good things then we know love, and we know God, for God is love.

### ADRIAN

You should serve others because it is showing kindness, and also because God serves us. I can serve others by doing my chores instead of my mom doing them.

### GIDEON

We should serve others so we can be more thoughtful. When we serve others that's a very kind thing to do.

I can serve others by helping, like picking up their garbage and doing good deeds, such as speaking kindly and helping them when they need a friend. I can help others with picking up messes, if they are hurt, and I can help when they get bullied. I will just tell the bully to stop. If they don't stop I'll tell the teacher or an adult. These are ways to serve others.

Everyone is a somebody, not a nobody.

### AARON

You should serve others because it is a good thing to do. I can serve others by helping the homeless, cleaning up garbage, making donations to the food bank, and other clothing donations, and volunteering at activities. My class has served others by going to senior citizen homes and other places to sing for people. You should serve because you are being a good representative of God.

### NATALIA

I can serve others by volunteering at homeless shelters, being nice to people, helping my mom make dinner, and mowing the lawn so my dad does not have to. Serving others not only helps them, but it helps us know we made someone's day happier and a bit brighter. God came to this earth to serve, not to be served. I think that is a great motto to live by.

### LYNNE

Helping others is a way to show love. Jesus showed love by serving others. A way to show love is by doing something kind, such as helping someone that is hurt or helping the earth. It can be big or small. God takes everything, even if it is as small as helping a person pick-up something. We serve and help people in need to show that we love them and to show them we are Christians.

## CHELSEA

Serving others can make an impact on the lives of others. For example, maybe a person had a bad or an unpleasant day and they feel like there's no hope. You should go help!

Serving others demonstrates you are a representative of God. It shows others they are never alone no matter what. There's always that one person who will care for you, and that is God. That's the reason I serve others. You can do the same, too! You can serve others by helping your parents at home with the chores, making dinner for your family instead of waiting for your mom to make it, giving a hand to those starving and cold on the streets in the winter, helping them be safe and comfortable. Serving others can impact in the world.

## ALEX

We should serve others as Jesus served the crippled and the sick. You can serve someone by picking up something they dropped or mowing their lawn. You can make lunch for your mom, and help your siblings study. We should serve others like Jesus served us.

## MARIELLE

Serving others is another way of helping someone that needs help. Serving shows love, loyalty, and care to the person you serve. At the Passover feast Jesus served His disciples by washing their feet. It taught them not to be selfish. All Jesus did was wash their feet! Serving doesn't need to be something big. It can be simple, like washing feet, making a card for someone, cooking for them, or even giving a hug.

## DIVYA

We should serve others because the Lord told us in Matthew 22:37-39, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is equally important. Love your neighbor as you love yourself." This means that we should treat others as we want to be treated, and serve others as if we are serving God because we are God's children and made in His image. Some examples of service are listening to teachers and parents, following student leaders, and listening to church leaders.

## JOEL

I can serve others by giving them help, caring for them, and loving them. I will always be kind and cheerful. I will obey and follow the commands of people I am serving. I will serve because it makes me happy and gives me joy. It always makes me excited and cheerful!

## JAELEN

God tells us to serve others. Deuteronomy 28:48 says, "You will serve your enemies who the Lord will send against you." Your enemies need help, so help them. Play with them, talk, or even smile. They are also God's children. God loves them as much as He loves you and me. Enemies have a reason to hurt, even if it isn't a good reason, and we should still help them.

## ARLEEN

It is very important to serve others because everyone should know that God loves them. Also by serving others people will see how good God is. If people see how awesome God is maybe they will decide to follow Jesus and start serving others as well. You don't have to do something that will change the world but helping one person can make all the difference. So start serving others and make a difference today!

## LEENA

Imagine the earth as a better and kinder place. We should serve others instead of ourselves. We should do stuff for our family, friends, and strangers—from as little as smiling more to as big as washing a car. We should serve others because doing so is found in God's Word. We should be like that, just like Him.

## MARIESE

We should serve others because Jesus came to earth to serve. Serving others is what God wants us to do.

When you serve others you show what Jesus is like and what He would do if He was on this earth. And others will see what He is like through you. Serving can start with the simplest things, like picking up garbage. There are many ways to serve people in your community, your family, or your friends. That is why you should serve.