

If your child's love language is acts of service...

Here are a few more ideas especially for parents. Pick and choose among them to try something new you think your child will appreciate.

- Help your child practice for their sports team, such as pitch and catch for baseball or shooting free throws for children participating in basketball.
- Sit down and help your child as they work on homework.
- Make a favorite snack when your son or daughter is having a difficult day.
- Instead of just telling your younger children to go to bed, pick them up and gently carry them and tuck them in their blankets.
- For school-age children, help them select their outfit for the day as they are waking up in the morning.
- Occasionally wake up a half hour earlier to make a special surprise breakfast for your children.
- Begin teaching your child the importance of serving others through regular involvement together in a local community group or church ministry.
- For younger children, set up your child's favorite toys while they are taking a nap or are at school so they can immediately play with them (with you!).
- When running late to an appointment or meeting, help your child quickly finish what they are doing so you can both be ready faster instead of just telling them to hurry.
- During a time when your child is sick, go the extra step by setting up their favorite movie, reading them stories, or making their favorite soup.
- Connect your child with one of your friends or family members who can help them in an area of interest such as dance lessons, soccer, piano playing, or scouting.

- Choose one special area in which you determine to always serve your child above and beyond normal expectations. Examples could include making sure there are always marshmallows in your child's hot chocolate, making sure their favorite teddy bear is in their bed at bedtime, or having all of the paint supplies ready when they are ready to paint.
- Start a "birthday dinner" tradition where you make your child any meal they want on their birthday.
- Make a list of several of your child's favorite things they do with you. Then periodically do one of their favorites when they least expect it.
- Create flash cards for your child's upcoming test or quiz. Work together with your child until they feel confident with the material.
- Prepare a special snack in your child's lunch or for dinner, perhaps with foods cut into special shapes or that include your child's name.
- Assist your child in fixing a favorite broken toy or bicycle. Simply taking the time to repair it communicates love to a child whose love language is acts of service.