

# Connecting Church and Home

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## Quarter 2, Week 12 :: **The Greatest Act of Service**

### **Treasure Story:** Mark 15:1-40

Every day, thousands of soldiers put their lives on the line to defend the freedom of others. Sometimes these soldiers are called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice. This a great and bold act of service that many times we take for granted. Jesus' great act of service on our behalf was also a bold, selfless act that none of us can repay.

### **Connect**

"This is the secret of life: the self lives only by dying, finds its identity (and its happiness) only by self-forgetfulness, self-giving, self-sacrifice, and agape love."

– Peter Kreeft

Mark set out to proclaim in his Gospel that Jesus in fact was the Son of God. But as God's Son, Jesus shouldn't have had to endure the pain of hanging on a cross, yet He did because of His love for us. Jesus is the greatest Servant of all. We can never sacrifice as much as Jesus, but we can celebrate His sacrifice with the following activities:

- **Servanthood Evangelism:** While we could never give up our lives for man's sins, we can tell others about Jesus' great act of service. This week, find an opportunity as a family to serve others. You could give baked goods to your neighbors, cut your neighbor's grass, or rake leaves for a widow. Do this act of service out of your love for others and let them see the love of Christ in you as you serve them.
- **Prayers for Those in Service:** As a family, pray each night for those serving in the military and also for those serving as missionaries overseas. You can go to the site for the International Mission Board for names of different missionaries ([www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org)). Each night, pray specifically for people you know who serve in each capacity. Some of them could lose their lives for their service. Pray for protection over them and that God would bless them for their service.

### **My Mission As Parent**

- Sometimes we forget what it costs for us to be saved. Jesus gave His life for us. If we trust in Him, we are found righteous. Remember how you have sinned and are in need of His grace. Thank Him for His sacrifice for you. Pray that your children would always be aware of their need for God's grace and thankful for Jesus' sacrifice for us.
- We can be one of the greatest examples of service to our own children. We serve them by providing for them, but we can also serve them by helping them with chores or in other ways. One of the greatest ways we can serve them is by leaving them a legacy of faithfulness to Christ.

### **Prayer Points**

- Praise God for sending Jesus to be our atonement for sins.
- Pray for those who serve others and pray that they would not grow tired but would continue to do so with strength.
- Praise Jesus for being the greatest Servant the world has ever known.