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**WEEK 2 SERVING Challenge #2: Serve someone this week!**

Use one of the following ideas, or do your own thing: *Do the chore of another family member. Clean up trash at a local park. Visit someone who lives alone. Serve at a local charity.*

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