

BIG HEARTS BUSY HANDS

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What are your favorite activities to do with friends? When these activity day girls from Mesa, Arizona, USA, get to choose an activity, they like to plan fun and creative ways to serve. See how they've made friends and helped their neighbors!

SERVICE SCAVENGER HUNT

The girls divided into teams of three and went to elderly neighbors' houses. They did chores like sweeping patios, vacuuming rugs, and washing windows. While the girls worked, their neighbors shared interesting stories about their lives.



STONE SOUP DAY

The girls read the folk story "Stone Soup." Then they each brought an item to help make a meal. They cooked the meal together and took it to members of the ward who were having a hard time.



FUZZY SERVICE

The girls had fun tying cuddly baby blankets. They gave the blankets to children in homeless shelters and foster care.

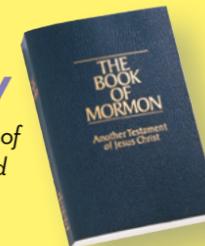


BEANS AND MORE BEANS

In one hour the girls bagged 1,400 bags of pinto beans for the bishops' storehouse to give to those who need food!

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE DAY

The girls gathered a thousand pounds of food from their families, neighbors, and schools. When they took it to the food bank, they gave a copy of the Book of Mormon with their testimonies written inside to the food bank director.



GIVE US A HAND!

How do you follow Jesus by helping others? Trace your hand and send us your story and photo, along with your parent's permission. Find out how on page 48.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Rake leaves or shovel snow for an elderly neighbor.
- Put together a care package for a missionary or member of the military.
- Donate your gently used stuffed animals to a local firehouse or police station to give to children in emergencies.



INCLUDING EVERYONE

Several girls who aren't members of the Church have joined in and become great friends! One of them loves what she's learned so much that she wants to be baptized. When they visited the Mesa Temple visitors' center, this friend said, "I'm going to go inside that temple someday."

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