

SIGHT SQUAD

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

This fall, we are inviting your kids to participate in the Sight Squad, a new program that will encourage them to share God's love by caring for their neighbors both near and far! Participants will be responsible for completing tasks at home that contribute to family life, helping them learn that loving their neighbors starts with loving those closest to them. In exchange for their acts of service, kids will earn money to bring into church to contribute to a meaningful fundraising goal. Here's how it will work:

Set-Up:

- Identify some age-appropriate tasks that your child will be responsible for (see attached list for suggestions)
- Decide how much they will earn for completing each task and how often the task needs to be completed
- If your child already has responsibilities/chores and an allowance, tie this into that (no need to reinvent the wheel!)
- Write their tasks on the attached calendar for visual accountability

Do the Work:

- Encourage your kids to complete the tasks they committed to
- Keep track of the tasks completed on the calendar (for example: place a check mark on the date it was completed.)

Giving:

- Each Sunday morning in October, bring in the money they have earned to give as that day's offering.
- We will keep a chart to track their fundraising progress.

One surgery to restore a person's sight costs \$300.

If 50 kids complete 12 tasks over the course of October (3 tasks/week at 50 cents/task), we'll reach our goal!

First Pres kids saw how the adults of the congregation blew our Matthew 25 giving goal out of the water last spring. While it was wonderful for them to be part of that, I am hoping this project will be more specifically about them and learning that they can work to earn money and also choose to give it to God. Stewardship is a spiritual practice for all ages, and I'm hopeful that every kid who joins the Sight Squad will experience the joy that comes from working for the good of others.

Looking forward to seeing what our Sight Squad can do!

Blessings,
Sara

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CONVERSATION GUIDE

You all know that going to church is an important part of our family life. One way that we contribute to the church is being there – to worship God and be part of that community. Another way that we contribute to the church is by giving money. *Share whatever specifics about your giving that you feel are appropriate and why giving is important to you.*

Your job is to go to school, and you don't get paid for that, so you can't give to church from your paycheck like we grown-ups do. But we still want you to learn what it's like to work and then give what you earn to others instead of keeping it for yourself.

This month, we're going to try something new. You will be responsible for doing a couple things that contribute to family life and when you do, we will pay you. The catch is that you don't get to keep the money, you have to give it to church.

All the money that all the church kids give as offering this month will go to an organization our church supports that provides eye surgeries for people in Africa who have problems with their eyes and can't see. Do you want to guess how much a surgery is for one person so that they can see again? *Answer: \$300.*

What tasks would you be willing to do to earn money for this project at church? *Decide on specific tasks & schedule.*

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TASK IDEAS

PRESCHOOLERS

- Pick up toys and books and put them in designated spots.
- Put dirty clothes in a hamper.
- Help dress themselves.
- Set the table (with unbreakable items like napkins or utensils).
- Feed pets with pre-portioned food.
- Carry non-breakable items to the table.

YOUNGER ELEMENTARY

- Make their bed (it doesn't need to be perfect!)
- Get dressed on their own.
- Put away their own shoes and coat.
- Empty small trash cans into a larger bin.
- Dust furniture or baseboards.
- Care for pets.
- Help set the table.
- Clear their own dishes from the table after meals.
- Help prepare simple meals or parts of a meal.
- Help pull weeds or collect leaves.

OLDER ELEMENTARY

- Organize and/or clean their room.
- Put away laundry.
- Clean the floor.
- Help with dusting.
- Load and unload the dishwasher.
- Clean the car.
- Take out the trash.
- Wash dishes by hand.
- Put away groceries.
- Care for pets.
- Assist in a specific way with a younger sibling.

SIGHT SQUAD TASK TRACKER

NAME:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... love your neighbor as yourself.					1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

MY TASKS: