

SHARING the GOOD NEWS

Activity for Class
or Family

GIFTS FOR GOD



Are you a good reader? Nursing homes are always looking for someone to spend one or two hours a week reading to their elderly residents. To qualify, you must love your neighbor as yourself.

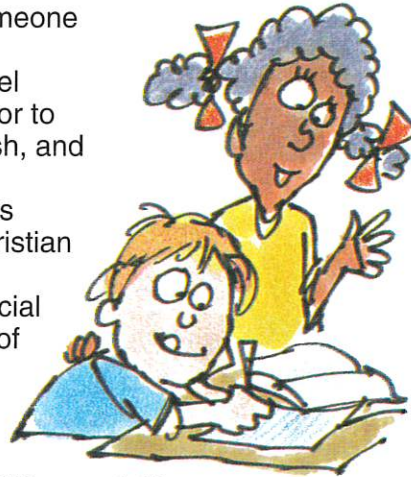
Are you a good musician? The liturgy committee at your parish may be looking for people willing to give an evening each week in rehearsal and sing or play at Mass every Sunday. Applicants should love to sing the praises of the Lord.



Do you like children? Single mothers look for trustworthy help in their homes after school to watch younger children for short periods of time. Since these mothers usually are barely making ends meet, they need people who are willing to work out of love.



Do you like to be outside? The elderly and physically disabled are often in need of someone to cut grass in the summer, or to shovel snow in the winter, or to dispose of their trash, and so forth. The requirements for this position include Christian concern for one's neighbor and a special love for the beauty of God's creation.



Are you patient? Schools often need people to tutor younger children, especially those from different countries who may be having problems with English. Usually these children need a friend as well as a tutor. Patience and understanding are needed to fill this position.

Do you care for the environment? Why not initiate or encourage recycling efforts in your home or in your neighborhood? Are there pets that could benefit from your attention in some way — taking a dog for a walk or emptying a cat's litterbox or making sure pets have proper food and water or brushing their coats?



Can you think of someone else who needs something you have to offer? Can you think of something else you can do to help your family or your community or your world? Aren't you glad you have so much you can give back to God?

