

Fall 2021

### FIRST SATURDAY SERVE Project Ideas



#### **CBC VISION**

PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITHOUT JESUS.

PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITHOUT JESUS DIE WITHOUT JESUS.

PEOPLE WHO DIE WITHOUT JESUS SPEND ETERNITY WITHOUT JESUS.

THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE!

#### What is Go2?

According to the book of Acts, Jesus' plan for reaching the world is by empowering and sending out ordinary Christians in the power of the Holy Spirit. The future of the Great Commission is through ordinary people who recognize that the Kingdom of God is the most significant factor in their lives. They put it first in their homes, their friendships, and their careers.

Whatever you're good at, you should do that well to the glory of God, but you should also do it somewhere strategic for the mission of God.

Go2 is a two-year initiative that challenges all of CBC to commit to giving more of themselves towards God's Kingdom.

#### EACH WEEK OF THE MONTH WILL HAVE A SPECIFIC CHALLENGE

First Saturday Serve / Fast and Pray / Find One / Celebrate

#### EVERYONE WILL BE CHALLENGED TO GO

We GO by giving – our time, talents, and treasure.

# FIRST SATURDAY SERVE Project Ideas

"I wanted to show you God's love in a practical way."

The Following are 12 descriptions of potential project ideas for **First Saturday Serve**. Feel free to adapt, change, or come up with your own projects.

Keep in mind, projects should encompass two main points:

- 1. They are about doing a *good work* and...
- 2. They lead to interaction with the community.
  - a. They may even be a bit out of the ordinary, begging others to ask, "Why are you doing this?"



While projects are all about doing *good works*, we want to be able to engage with people. That engagement may be as simple as giving them a *Kindness Card* and saying,

"I just wanted to show you God's love in a practical way."

If you come up with a project idea that works well, please share it with us at: <u>Go2@cbcfamily.net</u>

### **Park Kindness Day**

Pick up trash/fallen limbs or branches while you set up a table to hand out water, lemonade, coffee, or hot chocolate to your volunteers. But here's the outreach; you also hand out these refreshments to any on-lookers. Invite them over, tell them why you are doing this, and invite them to join your volunteers.

Note: You may have to check with the city Parks & Rec beforehand to make sure you can do this activity.

#### Supplies:

- Table and signs (Free
- Giveaway refreshments
- Trash bags
- GO2/Kindness cards

Cost: Depends on what you are giving away.



### **Oil Changes For Moms**

This is specifically targeting single mothers by offering a free oil change. This is a great way for all those gruff mechanic types to be involved in heartfelt ministry. You can advertise this one through social media or just by word of mouth to start. Pre-registration helps when you have limited resources. The church parking lot is a great venue.

#### Good add-ons:

- Activities for the kids (from coloring books to organized activities).
- Free breakfast in the fellowship hall tacos or pancakes.
- Have "conversational" volunteers interacting with the waiting moms.
- 10-point (or however many) maintenance check.

#### Supplies:

- Tools, Tools, Tools.
- Jacks and such.
- Containers for drained oil.
- Oil and oil filters.
- GO2/Kindness cards



Cost: Depends on how many cars you're willing to service.

- Do every 6 months.
- Line up product donations and coupons from local venders
   oil, tires, and car repairs.
- It's a great way to mentor youth in car maintenance.

### **Bless My Neighbor**

- Take a plate of cookies or baked bread goods to one of the neighbors you have been praying for, invite them to church, and leave info of how, and when to attend a morning service in person or online/Facebook. Provide them with a GO2/Kindness card and your contact information as well.
- Share a plant with a neighbor, purchase a potted plant, or separate a plant in your own yard to share.
- Share seed packets attached to a GO2/Kindness card

#### Supplies:

- Baked goods
- Pots and plants
- Seed packets
- GO2/Kindness cards



Cost: Whatever you give away

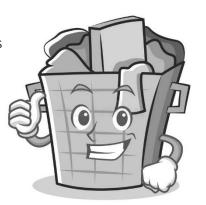
### **Free Laundry Day**

Bring rolls of quarters to a local laundromat. When people walk in, tell them, "It's Free Laundry Day today; which washer will you be using?" For people that might be already washing when you get there, tell them the same thing, and that you will pay for their dryer. For people already drying, buy them a soda or water from the vending machine if there is one, and say "Sorry we missed you on our Free Laundry Day, but would you like a free soda/water?"

Cost: \$40+ Depends on how many rolls of quarters you bring.

#### Supplies:

GO2/Kindness cards



- Bringing coloring books & crayons for kids is always a big win.
- Sometimes you can also bring in free coffee, donuts, or drinks, depending on the time of day and season.

### \$1 Car Wash

Before outreach, find a good business parking lot for car washes. Bring signs that say things like "\$1 Car Wash!" and "No donations accepted!" Wash the cars for free, and at the end of the wash, GIVE AWAY a \$1 bill. Explain that *God's gift of Jesus is free and just has to be accepted like this \$1 bill*. This outreach is good for introverts AND extroverts since you'll need washers, sign holders, and talkers.

#### Supplies:

- Signs
- \$1 bills (you'll need more than you think)
- Garden hoses
- Hose splitters
- Spray heads
- Car soap
- Drying towels
- 1 or 2 big bins for storing supplies
- Trash bags for wet towels
- GO2/Kindness cards

Cost: \$50-\$100. Supplies can be re-used

#### Tips 'n Tricks:

- Make sure you have permission from the business where you want to wash.
- Go to a place where others may have done washes for donations.
- Pick a place that is highly visible and easy to get to, but also won't cause traffic disruption.



### **Toilet Washing**

Find a location with multiple businesses. Look for businesses that aren't necessarily well-kept, where the bathrooms might not get cleaned as regularly or in as detailed a manner as other locations.

Tell an employee/team member something like this: "We are washing toilets/ restrooms of all the businesses in the area for free today! We're not taking any donations; we just want to show God's love in a practical way. Can you direct us toward the restrooms?"

#### Supplies:

- Janitor bucket/basket
- Toilet brushes
- Toilet cleaner
- Glass cleaner (for mirrors)
- Paper towels
- Air freshener
- Disposable gloves
- GO2/Kindness cards

Cost: \$20-\$25 per team. Supplies can be re-used

- Smaller stores are better; they present more opportunities for personal interactions.
- This outreach creates more "AHA!" moments for people in the community than a lot of other outreaches; it's especially impactful when your team washes toilets with big smiles on their faces.
- Teams of 2-6 people work best.



### **Window Washing**

Find a business strip with smaller windows. Tell an employee/team member something like, "We are washing the windows of all the businesses in the building for free today! We're not taking any donations; we just want to show God's love in a practical way! Can we get started?"

#### Supplies:

- Paper towels
- Windex/window cleaner spray
- Squeegees (optional)
- Trash bags for used towels
- Ladder to reach high places
- GO2/Kindness cards

**Cost:** \$25-\$30

### Trash Take-out

Find an apartment complex in a low-income area that has a centrally located dumpster for residents' trash. Tell residents something like this, "We're here today because we want to show God's love in a practical way by taking out everyone's trash for free!" Often residents will bring their trash bags to you; if they do, you can give them a replacement bag. Otherwise, have them dump their trash right into your bag.

#### Supplies:

- Trash bags
- GO2/Kindness cards

**Cost:** \$5-\$10. Depends on whether you provide trash bags or not



#### Tips 'n Tricks:

- Teams of 2-10 people work best.
- Find locations that have multiple businesses in one place; this will help you maximize your time by not having to spend too much of your time driving from place to place.

- Teams of 2-4 people work best.
- This outreach is GREAT for college/ young adult apartment complexes.

### **Coffee Kindness Hour**

\*Fast food is also an option.

Find a coffee shop/cheap restaurant and purchase a gift card before or once you get there.

Leave the gift card with the cashier. Tell them something like this: "We would love to do what we call a "Kindness Hour," where we will pay for every transaction over the next hour, or until the gift card runs out. We'll be sitting over at this table [point to where your team will be], & when you use the gift card, tell them that we paid for it."

Naturally, people will come over & investigate. Use this opportunity to explain the kindness card.

This outreach is 100% adaptable to your context.

#### Supplies:

- Gift card(s)
- GO2/Kindness cards

Cost: \$50-???



#### Tips 'n Tricks:

- This is a good outreach for cold or rainy days.
- Adapt this outreach to your context. If you can pay for more than an hour, do it! It's basically the equivalent of paying it forward on your own.
- If you have small kids who might have a difficult time participating in other outreaches, this one lets you bring coloring books or other things for them to do as you sit at the table.

### Red Box® Movie Night

Pre-purchase Red Box codes from redbox.com, print them out individually and attach them to microwave popcorn packets. Deliver them door-to-door, at apartment complexes, to businesses, at busy red lights, etc.

Say something like "We're providing free movie nights today to show God's love in a practical way."

#### Supplies:

- Microwave popcorn packets
- Red Box codes (individually printed)

Glue dots/tape
 GO2/Kindness cards
 Cost: \$2 per packet

MOVIE NIGHT

- Teams can be as big as you want
- Consider training your team on how to use the Red Box codes so they can explain it to the people you're serving.
- This is a great outreach for kids/students to participate in.

### **Donuts to Businesses**

Buy half-dozen and one dozen boxes of donuts (or donut holes), go to businesses in your community and give donuts to team members working that day, you can say something like, "We are giving away free donuts to all the businesses in the area today because we just want to show you in a practical way that Jesus loves you. How many do you have working today?

#### Giveaway:

- 1/2 dozen to businesses with 3 or less working
- Full dozen to businesses with 4 or more working

#### Supplies:

- Donuts
- A container to transport boxes of donuts
- GO2/Kindness cards

#### Cost:

- \$3-\$5 per dozen donuts
- \$2-\$4 per dozen donut holes



#### Tips 'n Tricks:

- Teams of 2-6 work best.
- Donut holes are cheaper! Use these if your budget is a little tighter.
- This outreach is especially impactful to use for businesses that require their team to work on major holidays. (Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, etc.)

### **Leaf Raking**

Find a neighborhood with small yards and lots of leaves on the ground in the fall & winter. When you get to a house, send a couple of people to the door to say something like this: "Hi! Our team is raking yards for the whole block for free today because we want to show you God's love in a practical way; no donations accepted!" When you finish, knock on the door again & offer to pray with the family you just served.

#### Supplies:

- Rakes (blowers defeat the purpose of the team working together)
- Bags
- GO2/Kindness cards

Cost: \$100 per team of 8 (if you are providing rakes)

Supplies can be re-used.



- Make sure you ask families how many bags you're allowed to leave at the curb without them being charged.
- This is a GREAT outreach for the whole family.
- The bigger the team, the better!

## **My Project Ideas**

"Hide it under a bushel... Oh No!"

Share it with the CBC Family.

Email your project idea to: Go2@CBCFamily.net