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Service

Virtues

Virtue's synonym is quality, what qualities do you have? Do you help other people using your qualities? Do you use your qualities for the benefit of good or bad? The Virtue which concludes all (good) qualities is Love. Do you love other people? Would you want to be treated as you have treated others (I'll give you a hint: Depends how you've treated others).

Service

Service is a very treasured and beneficial virtue, especially for the local community.

Service - To work for the benefit of others and for the good and well - being of everyone.

The first step to service is to be honest. Have you ever heard the saying "Honesty is the best policy?" Well, honesty IS the best policy. First you have to be honest to yourself (by thinking everything you say and do is right, all your being is wrong!), then to everybody else. 2nd step be courageous (stand up for what is right even though others agree), this is crucial, particularly if there's bullying going on.

The first stage you can show service is if you show amenity at home. Then at the parish community (if you go to church). Afterwards as a local community; then as a national community and etc.... E.g. international community and as a global community and as a final point a global community (MASSIVE man!).

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Think about it! All the world working together! No wars! But it will not happen, until us old, ordinary children and adults (alike) work together and share and help other people and do charity. Can we?!!! YES WE CAN!!! It will only take a hop, a skip, and a jump, to help a little old lady. There are a numerous amount of people who showed service to other people such as: Nelson Mandela, (he stood up for his kind, he stood in jail for a total of 47 years! But at the end, he became the president of South Africa!) Rosa Parks, (a civil activist) and Malala Yousafzai (is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate. She is mostly known for standing up to local Taliban who had at times banned girls from attending school.)

A smile — it will not work if it is a cheesy one-on our face can cheer someone up, and that is an act of service. Tell them "Turn that frown upside down." It can make them laugh. Pick up some litter in the school playground it won't hurt, it will just make our community a better place.

It is only the little or ordinary things that make the big difference, think outside the box. So be courageous and serve your community with loyalty. Can you?

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