



PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF SERVANT EVANGELISM

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NOTE: All projects should be free! No donations accepted!

NOTE: Some services are provided while people are not present, so making cards or printed notes will be necessary.

PROJECT	CONCEPT	EQUIPMENT NEEDED	COST	WEATHER
Single Mom's oil change	Single moms regularly have car problems	Cards, filters, oil	\$5-\$7 per car	Any weather except extreme cold
Neighborhood windshield washing	Going door-to-door washing windshields in driveways	Cards, squeegees, squirt bottles, cleaner, shop rags	Minimal	Cool to warm, but not hot
Mother's Day carnation giveaway	Set up outside grocery store on Saturday before Mother's Day	Cards, table, sign	Free, if you order carnations in advance	Any
Sunday morning paper and coffee giveaway	Going door-to-door early in the morning to houses without a paper in the driveway	Cards, Sunday papers, Igloos™ of coffee	Papers in bulk cost about \$1 each	Anything but rain
Snow removal	Help people dig out	Cards, shovels, coffee	Minimal	Snow
Pulling out cars stuck in snow	Rescue people from ditches or otherwise stranded	Cards, shovels, chains, bag of grit or salt pellets coffee	Minimal vehicle	Snow
Return empty garbage can from street	Bring cans back to peoples' houses	Cards	None	Any weather
Kitchen clean-up	Humbling but powerful service	Cards, basic cleaning equipment	Minimal	Any weather
Food delivery to shut-ins	Delivering food	Cards	None	Any weather
Car drying at self-serve car washes	Help dry cars after they have been washed	Cards, towels or a couple chamois	Minimal	Car washing weather
Outdoor window washing	Wash first floor windows	Cards, professional squeegees and cleaner, short ladder, and buckets	One time purchase of squeegees — not too expensive	Cool to warm, but not hot
Yard clean-up	Find messy yards	Cards, bags, rakes	Minimal	Cool to warm
Easter basket giveaway	Every child wants an Easter basket	Cards, baskets vary. Candy, Christian literature. Once we put in Christian tapes	Costs vary from \$3 to \$5 per basket	Any
Rainy day grocery escort	Help shoppers to cars with packages	Cards, golf umbrellas	Minimal	Rainy days

Instant camera pictures	Find lonely people or couples at parks or malls and “shoot” them	Cards, cameras(stickers for back of photos are best)	Film and initial outlay for cameras (about 75¢ per photo)	Anything but rain
Windshield washing at self-serve gas stations	Revive the practice of free windshield washing with fill-up	Cards, squeegees, squirt bottles, red rags, cleaner	Initial purchase of equipment—minimal	Prefer clear weather. If it’s too hot, the fluid will evaporate
House/apartment repair	Fix broken things. Limit repairs to your capabilities	Cards, basic tool kit	Limit your work to your capable repair budget	Depends on if indoors or outdoors. If indoors, any weather. If outdoors, depends on the project.
House/apartment/dorm cleaning	Who doesn’t need their place cleaned?	Cards, vacuum cleaners, brooms, trash bags	Minimal	Any weather—may need to call ahead or work from referrals
Winter car wash	Spray off salt and road to spray off underside grime of cars	Cards, coffee, wands	Minimal	Don’t attempt this in weather below 20° as door locks could freeze
Summer car wash	Free car wash! Use banners that say “Free Car Wash— No Kidding”	Cards, basic wash equipment, banners. Can also serve drinks, play music	Minimal—Use a sports bar’s parking lot and pay for the water	Above 60°—overcast days don’t work well. People won’t stop if it looks like rain
Filling windshield washer fluid	Refill washer reserves in cars and clean off wiper blades	Cards, washer fluid, signs, table	Fluid costs about \$1 per gallon	Any weather
Scraping out fireplaces	Remove ashes with small flat shovels	Cards, small brooms, possible initial investment on tools	Purchase trash bags	Usually a cool weather project
Checking air in tires	See if tires are properly inflated--adjust pressure if necessary	Cards, compressor or portable air “bubbles” and air pressure gauges	Pressure gauges not much, borrow compressors or air tanks	Almost any weather but people are more concerned in summer

Memorial service	Advertise complimentary memorial service in newspaper	Cards, set up and take down	Advertising in newspaper or telephone book	Any weather
Radon detectors	Give out complimentary detectors in areas where radon is a concern. Return in a few days.	Cards, detectors	In quantity, these cost about \$10 each	Any weather
Carbon monoxide detectors	Give out complimentary carbon monoxide detectors. Return in a few days.	Cards, detectors	In quantity, these cost about \$3.50 each	Usually a winter project
Smoke detector batteries	Give out complimentary smoke detector batteries	Cards, reminders with date, batteries	In quantity, these cost about \$1.25 each	Any weather
Toilet cleaning	Clean toilets of restaurants and stores	Cards, urinal screens, cleaning supplies	Should be less than \$20	Any weather
Light bulb service-- offering to change burned out bulbs	Go door-to-door with light bulbs, cards, step ladder	Supply 15-60 watt	Light bulbs are 30¢ to 50¢ each	Any weather
Laundromat outreach	Pay for washing machines and dryers at local Laundromats™	Cards, rolls of dimes or quarters	Usually 75¢ per wash, 25¢ per dry	Any weather
Blood pressure screening	Check peoples' blood pressure at public places	Cards, stethoscopes, sphygmomanometers	Initial investment necessary, many nurses have equipment	Any weather
Car safety light check	Replace burned-out bulbs in cars	Cards, variety of spare bulbs to replace burn-outs, screwdrivers	Replacement bulbs vary in price	Dry weather best
Killing weeds	Spray for weeds and poison ivy on sidewalks, driveways	Cards, weed killer, sprayers, gloves, masks	Weed killer varies; least expensive in gallons and dilute in sprayers	Warm, dry, ideally in summer
Seal blacktop driveways	Help homeowners seal driveways—best to use flyers to get interest	Cards, sealer, sealer brooms	Costs dependent on project size	Warm, dry

House gutter cleaning	Clean gutters on houses of leaves, sticks, and debris	Cards, gloves, ladders, trash bags	Plastic bags—ongoing, everyone needs a ladder	Dry weather best after ladders are purchased
Birthday party organizing	Organize and run parties for children—advertise in local papers	Cards, music for party	Parents pay for supplies, ads in free and local papers are best	Any weather
Door-to-door food collection for the poor	Put out flyers door-to-door then return a week later to pick up cans and dry goods	Cards, bags given out	Purchase bags	Not a factor
Car interior vacuuming	Set up in mall parking lot/gas stations to vacuum cars	Cards, several canister vacuums, several hand-held vacuums	Nothing to purchase after vacuum cleaners	Dry weather best
Leaf raking	Who likes to rake leaves? We do it for them.	Cards, rakes, bags, blowers work well but are more expensive	Minimal—you can own your own rake for \$3.98	About any type, but it's tough raking leaves when wet
Christmas gift wrapping	Everyone needs their gifts wrapped. Do it at the mall for free!	Cards, paper, tape, scissors, etc. Build simple kiosk or booth. For suppliers, call (513) 671-0422.	Though costly, can cost as little as \$1 per gift with the right suppliers.	If wrapping at an inside location, weather not a problem
Lawn care	Find unkept lawns and go for it.	Cards, can do basic mowing or more	Cost of gasoline, oil and bags	It's easier to mow dry grass than wet grass
Soft drink giveaway	On a hot day, nothing refreshes like a cold drink in Jesus' name.	Cards, drinks, ice, clean plastic trash cans for storing cans on ice, table	Can lower cost to 10¢ per unit buying in quantities	Warm or hot weather
Free coffee	Set up tables at store exits or sporting events and serve hot coffee on cold days	Cards, table, 2-3 Igloos™ (5 gal.), creamers, sugar, stirrers, sign—"Free Coffee"	Minimal	Cool or cold weather
Popsicle Give-away	Set up tables at store exits or sporting events and serve Popsicles™	Cards, table, 2-3 Igloos™, ice, sign	Minimal	Warm weather

Windshield washing centers	Hit every car in the lot at stores and shopping	Squeegees, squirt bottles with window cleaner, red shop rags, cards	Minimal	Does not work well in weather over 75 °— the liquid evaporates too quickly
Grocery store bag packing	Go to a self-bagging grocery store and help people bag their groceries	Cards, might wear matching aprons, button-- “just because”	No cost project	Good or inclement weather
Pictionary in the Park	Start playing Pictionary and strangers show up	Cards, white board and markers, Pictionary cards	Minimal	Warm weather-- spring or summer
Balloon giveaway	Go to a park and give balloons and cards to children with parents	Cards, helium tanks, balloons	Balloons and helium are about 10¢ to 15¢ per child	Any weather when people are at the park
Complimentary bird feeders/ refills to convalescent hospitals	Share God’s love with shut-ins	Cards, bird feeders, birdseed	Birdseed, initial investment in feeders	Any weather, greatest appeal in winter
Free house number painting on curbs	Address numbers painted on the curb	Cards, stencils, spray paint	\$1-\$2 per house	Dry and warm
Free community dinner	Throw a party for a neighborhood	Cards, food choice, \$2-\$5 per person	Depending on meal	Any weather
Free coffee giveaway at a major bus stop	On cold days, hot coffee is nice.	Cards, coffee, cups, 2 Igloos™, condiments	Minimal	Cool or cold weather
Free instant pictures at horse carriage stands	Set up shop at a downtown horse-drawn carriage stand	Cards, cameras, film	About 75¢ per photograph	Cool to cold; fall and winter weather most popular
Shopping assistance for shut-ins	Shop for those who cannot get out on their own	Cards, vehicles	Minimal	Any weather
Collect trees after Christmas for proper disposal	Meet a practical clean-up need	Cards	None	Any weather
Doggie dirt clean- up of neighborhood yards	Clean up doggie mess	Cards, “pooper scooper” or use plastic bags over hands, bags	Minimal	Any weather, very cold is easiest
Shoe shining service	Free shoe shining at stores, malls, other public places	Cards, shoe polish, rags, (kits are great)	Initial investment minimal	Not a factor if done indoors
Feeding parking meters	Feed expired meters; leave note	Cards, lots of change	You can feed a lot of parking meters	Not a factor except extreme conditions