



World Vision offers many ways for you to involve your family in your charitable giving and volunteering. Here are some examples:

- **Sponsor children** who share the same birthdate as your own child or other loved one. Your child can grow alongside your sponsored child and experience milestones together.
- **Participate in a group kit build.** This hands-on activity allows you to do something tangible together to impact other families. The personal note you write for each kit recipient will strengthen your emotional connection with those less fortunate.
- **Participate in the 30 Hour Famine.** Going without food for a day-and-a-half to raise funds for the hungry, while participating in Bible studies, games, watching inspirational videos and more will leave a lasting impact on your child.
- **Advocate for the defenseless.** Involve your children in writing to their congressmembers to add their voices to those advocating for others. It is an empowering experience for children to realize that they can make a difference at any age.
- **Participate in the Global 6K.** Walk or run with your family and thousands of others around the globe in May to bring clean water to communities in need. We have many resources to help you host your own event or join in with others.
- **Run (or walk) together.** We can help you can create a custom event any time during the year in order to raise money for clean water.
- **Do the Matthew 25 Challenge.** Sign up for this week-long event where children are encouraged to live out Matthew 25:35-36 through daily challenges. We have special resources to help parents and teachers facilitate this experience.
- **Volunteer at a U.S. Warehouse.** Thousands of volunteers donate time each year in six locations across the country to sort and prepare product donations for distribution around the world. Create a volunteer party of any size and sign up to help!
- **Go on a Vision Trip.** Bring your children aged 12 or older to see firsthand how World Vision works together with communities to help them break the cycle of poverty and achieve their full potential. Contact your representative for more information.
- **Fundraise together.** Our "My Cause" platform is an easy way for you to create your own personal fundraiser on behalf of World Vision. Use our step-by-step guide to quickly set up your own page and share your fundraiser with others. Children have used this platform to create classroom fundraising projects, birthday fundraisers, or in conjunction with raising money through a lemonade stand or garage sale.

Visit [worldvisionphilanthropy.org/family](http://worldvisionphilanthropy.org/family) to read stories of how families have involved their children and to download free resources and guides. Contact your World Vision representative to create an experience that best fits your family.



## Five ways to create a culture of family giving\*

1. **Start with your history.** Begin by helping the youngsters in your life, whether children or young adults, understand their history. The telling of family stories inherently helps to relay the values your family holds dear, and the experience of telling these stories can be a fascinating one, grounding your giving in your unique history.
2. **Talk about giving.** Talking about giving is vitally important. As one philanthropic expert says, “When is the time to talk about giving with your kids? The first time they say mine!” Talk about the gifts you’ve been given, monetary and otherwise. Talk about community needs and nonprofits in your community that you care about. Talk about your passions, your involvement in giving and volunteerism, and your evolution as a donor. And encourage them to talk with you about their experiences.
3. **Volunteer together.** As Susan Price writes in *The Giving Family*, “Volunteering is one of the best ways to build a child’s character and self-esteem... They acquire new skills, develop confidence and maturity, put their own problems in perspective, meet people from other backgrounds, and learn teamwork and civic responsibility.” For teens and young adults, volunteerism is also a great way to identify their own passions and areas of philanthropic interest.
4. **Teach Financial Values and Literacy.** Involving children in philanthropy can be part of teaching them how to spend money responsibly, the value of saving, and ways to overcome discomfort about wealth. For young children, you might give a three-part allowance, with a part for the child to spend, a part to save, and a part to donate. Helping teens increase their financial literacy can also help them to save, spend responsibly, invest, understand money as power, and develop their capacity for economic self-sufficiency.
5. **Use Discretionary Giving.** Allowing young people in the family to distribute a portion of funds fairly autonomously, can be a wonderful opportunity for them to take on real giving in a scaled, age-appropriate manner. One family designates \$5 per month of each child’s allowance for charity. Or you might allow your teens to designate family gifts of a certain dollar amount. Some families match family members’ donations with a 1:1 or higher match with funds from the family’s donor advised fund (DAF) or foundation.

\* Excerpted from “Engage the Next Generation in Giving”, *Exponent Philanthropy*

## Nine tips for raising missionally-minded children\*

1. **Map it out.** Plan out your summer or whatever time frame you prefer. Focus on one issue a week. Having an end point or set time frame in mind helps focus your kids, but also keep you motivated in the midst of your busy to-do list.
2. **Focus on relationships.** One way to help your children understand others is to help them build relationships. It can be through letter writing with sponsored children, or simply volunteering at projects that expose them to different people.
3. **Tap into the power of story.** Use books, movies, and documentaries to reach your children. A story isn’t a statistic – it’s something they care about.
4. **Use their natural interests.** If they already care about a certain issue, jump on it, and encourage them to learn more about it. Empower them to get involved with helping in that area and with raising awareness for it.
5. **Pray about it.** Encourage your kids to recognize ways they can pray for the people they’re learning about. Ask them what they can ask God to do in those others’ lives and situations in a physical and emotional way. World Vision has prayer guides to help you get going.
6. **Act it out.** Think of ways you can physically show them what others face. You can do a period of only eating rice and beans to show what some families eat every day. Or give them a small suitcase and say they can only take five things to help them survive elsewhere.
7. **Use international recognition days.** These United Nations’ days are designed to bring light to many topics and issues related to global poverty. Look out at the year ahead, and pick some you and your family find interesting. Then plan activities around them.
8. **Reward them.** While rewards should not be a primary motivator, it is okay to acknowledge their effort and work. Offer something like whoever has the most successful idea will get to choose a family activity they want to do together at the end of the summer.
9. **Let it go.** If you’re getting stressed out and tired about it, chances are your kids are too. If they’re not taking an interest, don’t force it upon them. Wait for other opportunities when they’re more interested and engaged.

\* Excerpted from “Less: Raising Youth to Live Missionally”, *Anna Goodworth*