

## Family Activities

Collect food, school supplies, and unused clothing and deliver to a ministry in your town. Allow children to help with their allowances and selecting items. Explain what the particular ministry does to help people in your community.



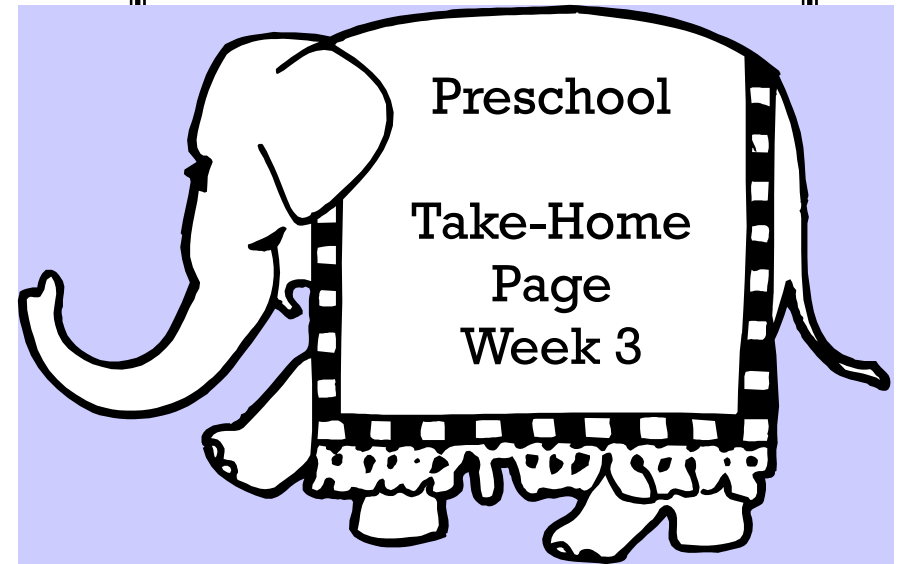
Discuss other things your family can do to give your best to God.

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**Honoring God  
by Giving  
Our Best**

**Key Bible Phrase:  
Honor God with your gifts.  
Proverbs 3:9**

# Giving the First Fruits

God's people were at an exciting time in their lives. Moses had led them out of slavery in Egypt. They had spent years wondering in the wilderness. They were about to enter the new land God had promised them.

God wanted the people to remember where they had come from. He wanted them to be thankful for the ways He had taken care of them. One way they could show their thanks was to give an offering to God. He had Moses tell them what to do. They were to take the best of the fruit, grains, or vegetables they had grown on the land God had given them.

Perhaps the people walked carefully through their gardens and fields when it was time to pick the crops. They may have chosen the very prettiest fruits, the very best stalks of grain, the finest vegetables. These were gently arranged in a basket. These first items to be picked, called the "first fruits", would be their offerings. The basket would be given to the priest during the worship service.

When the offering was presented to the priest, the giver was to tell about how God had taken care of their people. The gift showed their thankfulness for God's care. It showed that the people knew that all the good things they had were gifts from God. They honored God by bringing the very best they had as an offering to Him.



*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

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## Make Fruit Salad

1 apple

1 banana

1 orange

1 bunch of grapes

1 container vanilla yogurt

Thoroughly wash apple, orange, and grapes.  
Peel and slice apple, banana, and orange.  
Separate grapes from the stem and slice them.  
Combine all fruit into one bowl, mixing them.  
Fold in yogurt. Serve by spooning into a plate.  
(You may add or substitute any fruit.)

