

Activity 2

Good Deeds

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE

Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Define “good deed.” ■ Reflect on good deeds in own life.
Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6-8.1 ■ CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6-8.3 ■ CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6-8.4
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Journal: Good Deeds printable ■ Chart paper and marker (optional)
Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Print a copy of Journal: Good Deeds printable for each student.
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tell students that 9/11 Day is a national day of service, which means helping or doing things for other people. ■ It is also a day of remembrance, when we honor the thousands of people who died in a series of events on September 11, 2001. ■ Point out that after 9/11, people did kind things for each other and served their communities together.
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Begin by asking students to share their definition of a good deed. Encourage them to find words to define the concept without relying on examples. ■ Tell students that a good deed is an action that is selfless and done to benefit others. It is motivated by a desire to serve and care for others, rather than seeking recognition or praise. Good deeds require compassion and a willingness to put the needs of others before your own. ■ Have 4 or 5 students provide examples of good deeds they have witnessed or participated in (either as the one doing the deed or as the beneficiary of it – or perhaps both). ■ To help visual learners, you may wish to create a concept web of their examples on the board or chart paper.
Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Invite students to reflect on their own experiences with good deeds by completing Journal: Good Deeds. ■ Ask students to turn to a partner and share their good deeds. ■ As time allows, have partners share with the whole group any unique, interesting, or surprising examples their partner shared.



Name _____ Date _____

Journal: Good Deeds

Write about three good deeds someone did for you. If you can't think of three examples, you can write about a good deed you saw someone do.

If you still need ideas, think back to the good deeds your group thought of during your brainstorming session. You can look at your Concept Web to help you remember.

Good Deed #1

Good Deed #2

Good Deed #3
