

Activity 10

Personal Service Pledge

PRE K THROUGH 2ND GRADE

Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Define “pledge.” ■ Pledge to complete a personal service project.
Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K-2.8 ■ CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K-2.1.a
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Service Project Ideas printable ■ Student Pledge Card printable ■ Scissors ■ Crayons and/or pencils
Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Print a copy of the Service Project Ideas printable for each student. You may wish to customize the icons on this page before printing, adding or removing icons to better match the students in your classroom. For simplicity, you may want to select only projects that can be done during the regular school day. ■ Create a poster-size version of the ideas or have a way to project it for the class to see. ■ Print a copy of the Student Pledge Card for each student. Note: If your students are younger, you may wish to cut out the cards for each student. ■ Prepare a class display area large enough to display all Student Pledge Cards, such as a bulletin board in the room or a wall display in the hall. If you completed Activity 7: Pledge to Serve, you can easily reuse the same display space.
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"> ■ Tell the class that it is time for each student to select a service project to do on their own (or with family members, if you have chosen options to be completed at home) in honor of the 9/11 National Day of Service. ■ Project (or display) the large sized Service Project Ideas printable. ■ Point to each icon one at a time, telling students about each idea, describing at a high level what the project is, who will benefit, and how students will complete it. ■ Distribute a copy of Service Project Ideas to each student. ■ Have students use crayons to color their three favorite ideas. ■ Have student volunteers talk about which ideas they colored and explain why.


**Introduction
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- Once all students have chosen a service project, meet with them individually to talk about the projects they colored on the Service Project Ideas page.
- Guide students to select one of their three ideas by circling the icon on their Service Project Ideas page.
- As you guide students toward a selection, take into account whether they have the necessary resources and support to complete their project outside of class. If not, encourage them to choose a school-based project.

Activity

- As the last students complete their service projects, invite all students to share the photos of their service project and tell the class about it.
- Add the student photos to your display.
- Have students reflect on their experience with the service project by completing Journal: Personal Service Project.
- Distribute a copy of the Student Pledge Card to each student.
- Point out the word “pledge” in the title.
- Tell students that a pledge is a promise that a person makes to do something.
- Explain that when students sign the Student Pledge Card, they are making a promise to complete the service project they choose.
- Help students write their names on the Student Pledge Card, assisting emergent writers as needed.
- Have students draw their planned service project on the left side of the card.
- If students are able, have them cut out their cards before adding them to the class display you prepared.
- As time permits, have volunteers share why they chose their service idea.
- [NOTE: You can follow this activity with Activity 10: Personal Service Project, in which students perform and reflect on the service, or you can complete the school-based service following this activity as time permits, during recess, or other opportunities during the day.]



Name _____ Date _____

Service Project Ideas

Use a crayon to color your three favorite service projects. Then circle the one you will do for your service project.



Plant flowers



Send a letter



Pick up trash



Give money



Thank workers



Give food



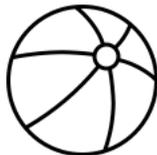
Clean a place



Help animals



Make art



Give toys



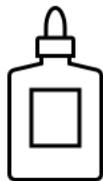
Clean a park



Read to someone



Plant a tree



Give supplies



Reuse things



Visit an ill person



Student Pledge Card

#IWILLFOR911DAY



My Name _____

For 9/11 Day, I pledge to perform the following good deed in tribute:

Visit 911day.org/IWillPledge to share your good deed,
or post of social media, #IWillFor911Day

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