

2019

BEST YEAR EVER!

The beginning of a new year is a great time to set goals. That means planning ways you can learn, grow and help others. Here's a checklist of challenges — one for every month this year. Work with your family to see if you can check them all off before Dec. 31!

January

Memorize God's Word.

Practice one Bible verse per week of the month. Here are a few ideas:

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." — **Psalm 56:3**

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." — **Luke 6:31**

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." — **Ephesians 4:32**

February



Make a gift for a friend.

How about making your own card with art supplies like colorful paper, markers, washi tape and glitter glue? Or get googly eyed over these **adorable baby turtles**. February — so many craft options and so few days!

March

Bake a treat for your pastor or teacher.

Here are two yummy recipes from Explorers who use their baking skills to help others!

Creamy Lemon Pie

explorer.compassion.com/lemonpie

Isabella's Vanilla Cupcakes

explorer.compassion.com/cupcakes



April

Plant a garden.

Work with your family to choose food to grow in a garden. Depending where you live, you may need to start the seeds inside and plant them outside later. Care for the garden every day. When the food is ready to be harvested, see if you can donate some to a food bank for hungry people in your town.



May



Bless a mom on Mother's Day.

Think of a mother who deserves extra blessings this month. Then ask her how you can make her job easier. You could offer to wash dishes, fold laundry, feed and clean up after the family pet, or watch a younger sibling so Mom can relax.

□ June

Plan a fundraiser.

Work with a parent to organize an event to raise money. Garage sales and lemonade stands are classics, or you could think up something less common (dog wash, anyone?). Donate the money you earn to a charity. If you hold a creative fundraiser and give the money to Compassion, we'd love to hear your story! Email us at compassionkids@us.ci.org.



□ July

Pick up the park.

Put on some work gloves and grab a garbage bag. With a parent, go to your favorite park or playground and pick up any trash you see on the ground.



□ August

Donate school supplies.

With a parent, search the web for “school supply donations” in your area. See if there’s an organization that collects them for kids whose families are poor. When you go shopping for your own school supplies, buy some extras for the students in need.



□ September

Write to your sponsored friend.

Write a letter or draw a picture for the child your family sponsors. Include a Bible verse that cheers you up when you feel sad. Tell your sponsored friend why you like the Bible verse.

Write about what you're learning in school right now.



□ October



Rake leaves for a neighbor.

Ask a parent to go with you to a neighbor's house. Tell your neighbor you are looking for ways to help others. Ask if you can rake the leaves in their yard or help them around the house in another way.

□ November

Visit a nursing home.

Many elderly people feel happy when kids are around. So ask a parent to set up a time for you to visit a center that cares for the elderly. Take a board game or a deck of cards to play — classic games like Go Fish or checkers have no age limits!



□ December

Brighten a family's Christmas.

With a parent, ask your church leaders if they know of a family who needs help this Christmas. Or go online to find a toy drive in your area. Then go shopping for a new gift for a child around your age and donate the toy to the family in need.

