

the JOY MAKER CHALLENGE



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Be a Joy Maker!

The Joy Maker Challenge connects youth in grades K-12 to meaningful hands-on service during the holidays. Use these lesson plans from generationOn's curriculum partner Learning to Give to deepen your students' service experience.

Lesson plans: **Civil Society**

K-2

[Can You Lend Me a Hand?](#)

Students will listen and respond to the story of The Little Red Hen. They identify personal actions that make a community stronger and better for all.

[What Is a Community?](#)

This lesson introduces the definition of a community and challenges students to explore the characteristics of their own community.

3-5

[Getting the Hang of Philanthropy: Traditions](#)

The students explore family traditions of giving. Using the book *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* as a springboard, they discuss traditions of philanthropy in community.

6-8

[What Is Philanthropy? A Call to Action](#)

Inspired by stories of service, students gain understanding of philanthropy concepts and actions. They brainstorm acts of kindness and determine how they will contribute to the common good.

[Best Day Ever!](#)

Students look at how they typically spend a free day and see what that same free day would look like when it is infused with philanthropy. Students plan a free day, substituting their usual routine with activities that give back. They look at the benefits and opportunity costs involved in sacrificing personal time for the common good of their community.

9-12

[Attributes of a Civil Society](#)

Learners define justice, kindness, peace, and tolerance and describe the importance of these attributes of a civil society. They look for examples in the media and brainstorm how they can promote these attributes in their school, community, and the world.