HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Everyone can make a difference, even you! You can help make the world a better place. The best way to start is to find out where you can lend a hand, who needs your help, and what you can do to make someone’s day better and happier.

Dad and Mom, after lunch can we visit some of our neighbors and tell them about our club and how we’re helping animals at the shelter?

That sounds like a good idea.

Oh, helping at the animal shelter ... that sounds like fun.

I have some fliers in the car that Miss Emma printed for this project.

Maybe some of them would like to help too.
Good afternoon, ma'am! We are part of “Lend a Hand” kids club. We are volunteering at the animal shelter today, and are asking people for any animal items they might be able to donate.

Like old blankets or towels, dog and cat food, or toys for the animals.

Oh, what a lovely way to help! If you come by tomorrow, I will have put together some items for you.

Mr. Edmond, Josie’s Café is going to donate some of its profits to the animal shelter. If you would like to help, please eat there on Friday. Here’s a flier that explains how it works.

Hmm, I wonder if that’s something I could do?

Thank you, Alina. I’ll see what I can do.
You can encourage others to help make a difference too. When others see how happy helping others makes you, it encourages them to do the same.

Oh look, there’s my friend Teddy. Maybe he would like to join our Lend a Hand club.

Miss Emma has been reading to us about people who have made a difference in the world. Their stories are so interesting. This one about Mother Teresa¹ is my favorite.

Let’s ask him.

We have a lot of fun visiting the animal shelter and learning about how they care for the animals. And sometimes we help families with disabled children, or packing food and gifts for needy families.

Wow! That sounds like a lot of fun!

‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ (Matthew 25:40 NLT)

¹ Mother Teresa (1910–1997) was a Catholic nun who established the Missionaries of Charity, and devoted her life to helping the poor, sick, and needy of Kolkata, India.
Together you can change the world. You may not see a big difference right away, and it is something you have to keep working at a little every day, but change can happen. Your part makes a difference! You can brighten someone’s day, make someone feel better, and give to those in need.

Ask your parents if there are ways you can help out in your community. It will take effort, but as the saying goes, “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

You can do it—you can make a difference!