



FREE STARTER GUIDE



LITTLE LEADERS LAUNCHPAD

Start an Errand Running Service for Neighbors!

The business where helping people IS the business. Get paid to make someone's day easier — and build the kind of character no classroom can teach.

Ages 11 - 14

Best for: **THE HELPER** entrepreneur type

The Kindness Economy

On every street, in every neighborhood, there are people who need a little help. The elderly couple who can't easily walk to the mailbox in winter. The single mom juggling three kids who forgot to grab milk at the store. The neighbor recovering from surgery who needs someone to take the recycling to the curb. These aren't big tasks — but to the people who need them done, they feel enormous.

An errand runner solves these small-but-stressful problems. You're the reliable kid who shows up, handles the task, and makes someone's day easier. And here's what happens when you do that consistently: people don't just pay you. They tip you. They tell their friends about you. They book you every week. They trust you — and trust, in any business, is the most valuable currency there is.

\$0

Startup cost

\$5-15

Per errand

\$8-20

Per hour (with tips!)

This Business Changes YOU Too

Most kid businesses teach you how to make money. This one teaches you how to make a DIFFERENCE. The relationships you build with elderly and homebound neighbors will give you patience, empathy, communication skills, and perspective that most adults don't develop until their 30s. Many kids who start errand-running businesses describe their regular clients as "extra grandparents." You're not just building a business — you're building a community around yourself. And that shows up on college applications, in job interviews, and in the kind of person you become.

10 Errands People Will Pay For

Grocery pickup

Mail & package pickup

Trash & recycling to curb

Prescription pickup

Pet feeding when away

Plant watering

Library book return

Light yard tidying

Bringing in deliveries

Tech help (phones, TVs)

Sneak Peek: From the Full Guide

"The 'Weekly Check-In' is what transforms occasional errands into reliable weekly income. After completing a few errands for a client, offer this: 'Would it be helpful if I stopped by every [Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday] to check if you need anything done? Even if it's just bringing in the trash cans or checking your mailbox, I'm happy to swing by.' Most elderly clients will say yes immediately — they love the reliability and the companionship. You've just turned a one-time \$8 errand into a recurring weekly visit worth \$10-\$15, every week, for as long as they need you."

The Full Startup Guide Covers:

- ✓ The 15 most-requested errands and how to price each one
- ✓ Finding your first clients: elderly neighbors, busy families, post-surgery recovery
- ✓ The "Weekly Check-In" system that creates recurring income
- ✓ Building trust with families — the introduction meeting that puts parents at ease
- ✓ Safety protocols: walking routes, carrying items, never entering homes alone
- ✓ Handling money responsibly (when doing grocery runs or pickups)
- ✓ Bundling errands: doing 3-4 small tasks in one visit for a higher total rate
- ✓ The tech help bonus: teaching seniors to use phones and tablets (premium pricing!)
- ✓ Cross-selling with lawn care, snow shoveling, and pet care for the same clients
- ✓ First-week action plan + printable worksheets



This section is in the Full Startup Guide

[Unlock the Full Guide →](#)

Ready to Be the Most Helpful Kid on the Block?



Help people. Build relationships. Get paid. Grow as a person. All at once.

NEXT STEP

Errand Running Complete Startup Guide

8 pages covering 15 errand types with pricing, finding clients, the Weekly Check-In system, trust building, safety protocols, money handling, bundling strategies, tech help bonus, and your first-week plan with printable worksheets.

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Parents: This guide places safety and appropriate boundaries front and center. We recommend parents accompany kids on their first visit to each new client for a proper introduction — this builds trust on both sides. The guide establishes clear rules: kids should never enter a client's home when the client isn't present, never handle large sums of cash, and always tell a parent where they are and how long they'll be. For grocery pickups, we recommend the client provides exact cash or a written list with payment via Venmo/cash on delivery (parent manages digital payments). Walking routes should be pre-approved by parents. This business builds extraordinary character, empathy, and community connection — and many families find that it creates meaningful intergenerational friendships that last for years.