

SERVING AS JESUS DID

Lesson point

Jesus served others and He wants us to do the same.

Jesus washes the feet of His disciples. (**John 13:3-17, 34**)

Jesus came to show us how we should live. One of the lessons that Jesus wanted us to learn was how to be a servant to others. A servant is a person who does the work for another. When your mom or dad cooks you something to eat, they are being a loving servant for you; they don't expect anything in return. Jesus likewise said to his disciples who desired to be great, must be a servant of all.

Memory Verse:

Mark 9:35 *"If anyone would be first, he must be last and the servant of all."*

Video lesson- ["Serving As Jesus Did"](#)

Question

What is something that you can do to serve someone else, that isn't something that you really want to do?

Worship:

- [Gonna Serve](#)
- [Jesus is my friend](#)

Memory Verse: Mark 9:35 *"If anyone would be first, he must be last and the servant of all."*

Video - ["Jesus washes the feet of his disciples"](#)

Read:

John 13:3-5, 12-17, 34 (NIV)

“3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples feet, drying them with the towel he had wrapped around him....12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ He asked them. 13 “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them....34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

Jesus, like a servant, put on a towel to show the reason why he had come. Christ wanted his followers to know the importance of putting others above yourself. **Jesus served others and wants us to do the same.**

Activity: Washing Feet

Purpose

The act of washing other people’s feet is an act of humility. Parents have been set apart to lead their children in knowing the depths of God’s holy Word; being an example is an incredible demonstration of the power of the Bible. There is nothing “mystic” about washing another’s feet, but it is a picture that can easily be stuck in the minds of those who participate. Hopefully, it will be a good picture that will forever be with them. Ultimately, there is a two fold message (purpose) to be learned from this act:

1. an example of humility for the children.
2. actual humility for the one washing (parent). (It is a lesson that speaks to everyone.)

Items needed:

1. Bucket
2. washcloth or sponge
3. towel

Directions: (This 'activity' is not a play time; the desire is to be reflective.)

1. Have the children, if possible, in chairs. It will be easier to wash if their feet are easily accessible.
2. Remind them why this is happening.
3. Start washing the feet of those in the group and say to them while you dry their feet, "Jesus taught us to love one another by being a servant."

Questions:

1. What has Jesus taught us in today's Bible lesson?
2. Why should we follow what Jesus did?
3. Why do you think Jesus came to serve?
4. Is it better to have wealth, power, and position, or be a servant? Why?

Bible Connection

Why do you think that Jesus said that he came to "give his life as a ransom for many?" What do you think that means?

Jesus came to give his life as a sacrifice to save others—us. Jesus set an example for us to follow; he showed us to be a servant for others. He also came that we may have eternal life. We must believe his message and believe God who sent Jesus.

Coloring sheet (next page)



Activity: Snow Soap - fun home activity

Jesus Washes The Disciples Feet

In this Bible story we saw Christ humble Himself and give us a perfect example of how we should humble ourselves and serve others. At the same time the washing of the disciples feet reminds us of our need for our sins to be washed away by Christ.

What better way to make sure your kids remember this story then by having them make their very own soap.

Every time they wash up they will be reminded of Christ's act of humility and the need to have their sins forgiven.

Snow Soap

Materials

- * 1 Ivory Bar, One Bar Will Be Enough For Two To Three Kids
- * Small Plastic Containers

Instructions

1. Cut a fresh Ivory bar into two to three pieces.
2. Place the pieces of soap onto a microwavable plate.
3. Heat the soap for 1 to 1.5 minutes. (The water molecules in the soap will begin to heat up and the soap will begin to inflate.)
4. Allow the inflated soap to cool.
5. Divide the inflated soap between the two to three kids.
6. Have them crumble the inflated soap and place the pieces/powder into a small plastic container.

Your kids can place the container next to their sink at home.