

2019
Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp
“Christian Living”
Elementary Class Material
Friday Lesson
“Being a Servant”

SERVING - BEING A SERVANT

Friday

Jesus washing the disciples' feet

Scriptures: John 13:1-17, Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45, Luke 16:13, Deuteronomy 10:12, Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10

Memory verse: Serve whole-heartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Ephesians 6:7-8.

Key people: Jesus, the disciples

Background information: In John 13, 1-3 the Bible tells us that it was just before the Passover Feast. The Bible tells us that Jesus having loved his own who were in the world, now was going to show them the extent of his love for them. The evening meal was being served and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that soon it would be time for him to leave this world and go to the Father.

The story: We learn in John, verse 4 that Jesus got up from the evening meal (the last supper) and took off his outer clothing, wrapping a towel around his waist. Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet. Jesus dried them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Question: Why would Jesus wash the disciples' feet?

1. Everyone wore sandals or went barefoot.
2. Feet became dusty from walking along dirt roads.
3. It was normal for people to wash their feet when going into a house.
4. To wash someone else's feet was an amazing way to serve someone in a caring way.

When Jesus came to Peter, Peter asked Jesus "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing; but later you will understand." Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet and told Jesus, "No, you shall never wash my feet." Jesus told Peter "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then Lord, not just my feet but my hands and my head as well",

replied Peter. Jesus answered, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. The disciples’ knew they should be washing Jesus’ feet instead.

When Jesus had finished washing the disciples’ feet he put on his clothes and returned to his place. Jesus asked the disciples’ if they understood what Jesus had done for them. Jesus told them “You call me Teacher and Lord, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Teacher and Lord have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.” Jesus had set an example that the disciples’ were to follow. The disciples’ should do as Jesus had done for them. Jesus wanted to teach them that even the most powerful and important people are to serve others with love and compassion.

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

Read Mark 9:35: Sitting down, Jesus called the twelve and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.

1. What did Jesus mean when he said the first must be the last?
2. Why is it important to be a servant of others?

Jesus taught us in many ways, such as through his words, through his prayers and through his actions. Throughout Jesus’ life, he put serving God and others first in his life.

1. Jesus served others by teaching them about God, about love and forgiveness.
2. Jesus served others by healing and helping those who were in need.
3. Jesus served by teaching us about the attitudes that were important to God.
 - A. A willingness to serve.
 - B. A willingness to have a servant’s heart.
 - C. A willingness to jump in and help. It doesn’t matter who we are helping or how we are serving.
 - D. Serving others means putting others before ourselves.
 - E. Having the heart of a servant helps us to draw closer to God.

Activities:

The Greatest Servant booklet.

Have students cut the pictures apart and glue them to construction paper to make a booklet.

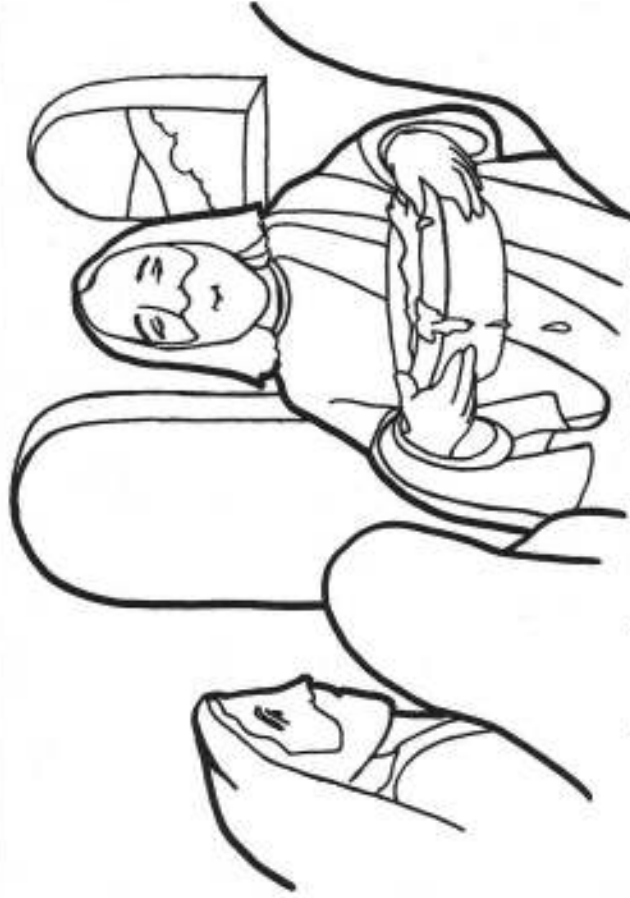
Serving Other's coloring sheet

Jesus washed the disciples' feet word search

The Greatest Servant

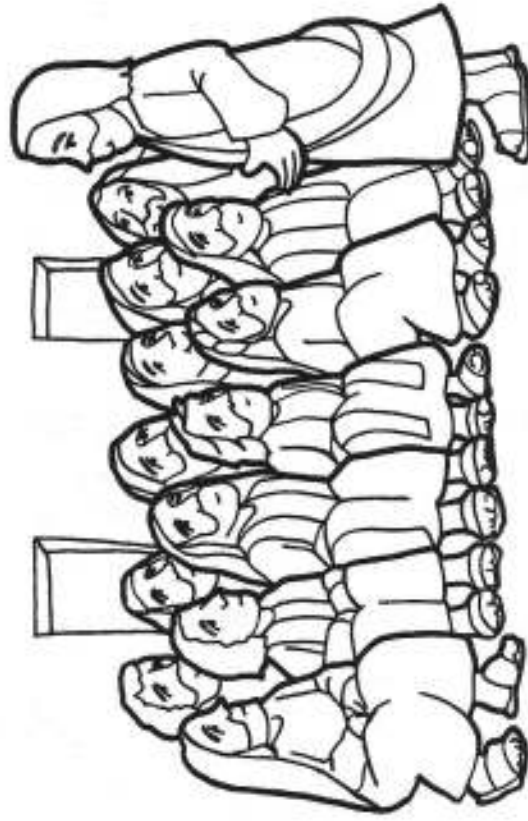


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Jesus brought out a bowl of water and a towel. The disciples were curious.

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During the Passover meal, the disciples were together. Jesus taught them by example how to serve each other.

1



Jesus began to wash the feet of each disciple.

3



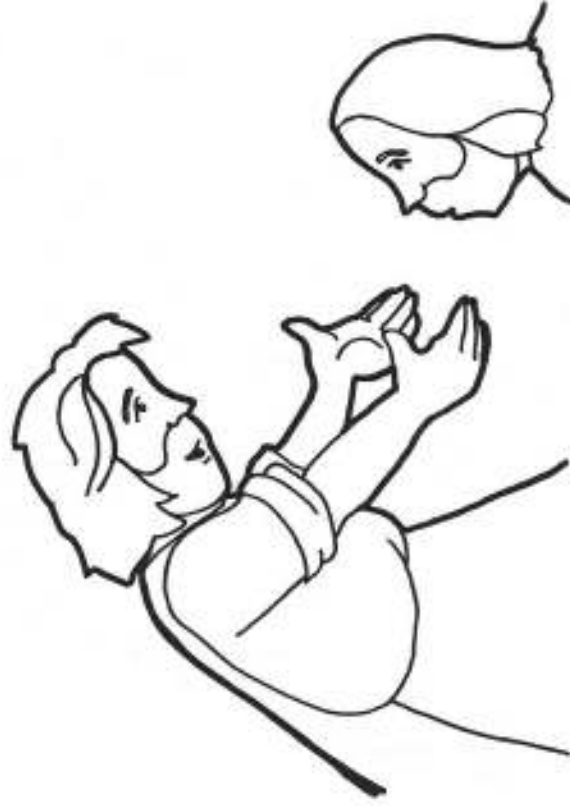
When He got to Peter, Peter pulled his feet away.
"I'm not good enough for you to wash my feet!"

4



Jesus continued washing Peter's feet. Jesus told him
that to be in His life, he had to let Him wash his feet.

5



Peter jumped up and said, "Wash my hands and my
head, too!" Jesus said, "To wash your feet is enough."

6

What are some ways you can serve
other people like Jesus did?

Find this story in your Bible.

John 13:1

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Serving Others

Jesus wanted to show his disciples how much he loved them. So he served them by washing their feet. Some of the things from the story are hidden in the border around this picture. Find: a big bowl, some water, a towel, three feet, and Jesus' coat. Circle the things and then color the picture.

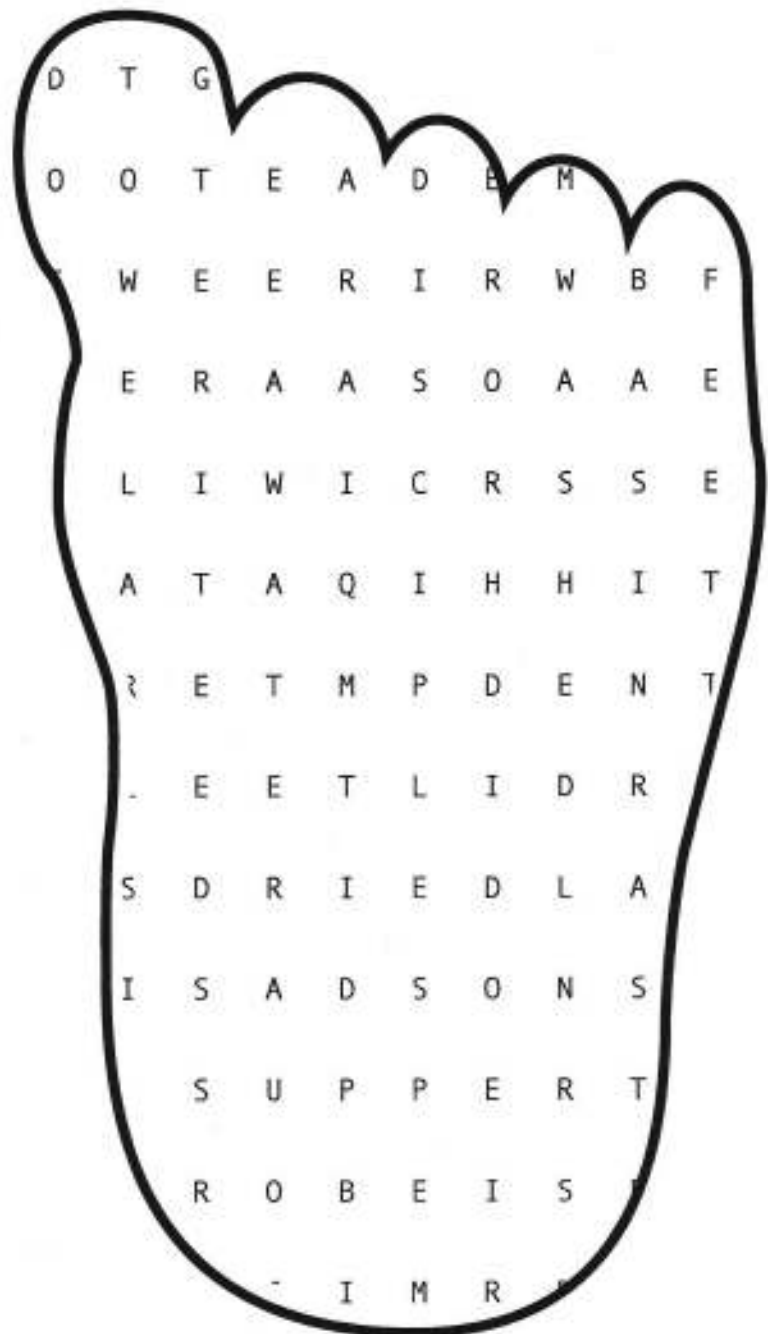


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