

As Jesus Teaches

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Gather with friends and family to share a Bible story, wash each other's feet.

For

Young Adult

Season

Spring

Needed

Bible, tubs of warm water, bars of soap, towels, paper, pens, camera (optional)



Prepare in Advance

Invite a few other people to join you in this activity.

Activity Plan

1. Each person should write down three ways that they think Jesus showed us how to treat others. Share what you have written.
2. Read John 13:1-17 aloud (see last page). Discuss these questions: Why do you think Simon Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet? How would you feel if someone you admired washed your feet? What's the lesson Jesus wants us to learn from this passage?
3. Go outside in your bare feet and walk around. What does it feel like to walk on different surfaces – the grass, sand, pavement, concrete, dirt? What might it have felt like to only have sandals to wear during Bible times?
4. Find a partner or a group of three. Make sure every pair or group has access to a tub of water. Wash each other's feet. As you're washing, say this prayer: I pray for you,
I pray for you,
That you feel washed clean by God,
That you look for ways to help others,
That you see God in the people around you,
That you know God is there inside of you.
I pray for you,
That you will find God,
Each and every day. Amen.
5. Talk together about the experience of washing another's feet. Was it gross? Was it refreshing? Did you feel humbled? What sorts of feelings did you experience?
6. Then talk together about the experience of having your feet washed. Was it awkward? Did it tickle? Did you feel humbled? What sorts of feelings did you experience? Why do you think Jesus chose this as his way of showing the disciples that they should humble themselves to serve others?
7. Snap some pictures or take a video of the activity and upload them to **Vibrant Faith @ Home**.

John 13:1-17

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

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. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, 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.

