



Parent Resource

Read:

John 13:1-7

In this passage, Jesus is not telling a story, but demonstrating an impromptu lesson to His disciples and to us today. God sent Jesus to help us understand more about Him. Jesus washed his disciples' feet to teach them a valuable lesson.

Jesus washes the disciples' feet:

During Bible times, there were no roads or sidewalks. People wore sandals and the dirt on the roads made their feet really dirty and dusty. When someone would enter into another person's house, a servant would normally wash the guest's feet.

In today's lesson we learn that Jesus was having supper alone with his disciples. As they entered into their special supper, there were no servants there to wash anyone's feet.

Jesus got up from the table, put on an apron and washed the feet of the disciples.

- Why do you think one of the disciples didn't think about washing the other's feet?
- Did they think they were too good to do it?
- Would they have been embarrassed?

Thankfully, Jesus showed his disciples, and us, that we should be humble and not ashamed to wash someone else's feet. It also shows us that we should never be ashamed and always be humble when it comes to doing things for the Lord.

Activity:

On a piece of paper, have children outline their feet with a pencil. When finished cut the footprint out, and write the following scripture:

"For I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done for you." John 13:15

Closing Prayer:

"God, thank you for sending Jesus to be an example to us. Help us to love others the way you have. Amen."