

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet- March 7

Parents: Jesus never ceased to surprise and amaze. At first, Peter couldn't understand why his Lord and Teacher would bend down and do such a lowly job as washing the disciples' feet. Our Savior was teaching his beloved disciples a valuable lesson that we can learn from, too.



Read: John 13: 1-17

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1 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. 2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 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 that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." 9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" 10 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." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. 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.

Discuss: Jesus knew that the Father, God, had put all things under Jesus' what? *Power.* He also knew that He had come from God and that He was returning to God. Returning to God? How? *By dying on the cross and going to heaven.* Why would Jesus have done that? *Because of His love for us.*

After the evening meal, Jesus poured water in a basin, or bowl, for washing, and began to do what? *Wash His disciples' feet.* Who protested because he thought Jesus, his Teacher, should not be doing such a lowly job as washing his feet. *Peter.* Did Peter change his mind? *Yes, because Jesus explained that unless he let Jesus do this for him Peter would have no part with Jesus.*

The Lord Jesus told the disciples now that He had washed their feet that they should do what? *Wash one another's feet—which could mean serving others in a variety of ways.* What did Jesus say would happen if they served others? *They will be blessed.*

How can we think of ways to serve others this week? *Put others first. Help with chores around the house. Share with siblings, etc.*

Key Point: Serve One Another in Love

Serve (Pretend you have a serving plate,
move open palms slightly
back and forth)

One Another in Love (Point to others and cross arms)

Family Activity: While coloring the sheet attached, write down one way to serve another person this week. Post it on your fridge to remember to serve one another in love like our



Savior, Jesus, showed us.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for sending Your Son to save us from our sins. Help us continue to read Your Word so we are filled up to serve others with a loving and thankful heart for Jesus. We thank and love You. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize John 13:14 - Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.



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I’m going to serve another this week by:

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