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Jesus washes his disciples feet

Reference: John 13: 3-30

Main Point: Jesus wants his friends to love and serve each other.

Activities to do together:

1. Make some simple cards with the children using cardboard, paper and collage material. The children can decorate the cards to give to others to express their love. As the children craft, talk to them about how giving a card to someone is a way of giving a gift and using our words to show someone that we love them. Discuss other ways we can show people that we love them.

2. Together, list ways that your child could show their love for others by helping and serving some family members and friends (concept of serving may need to be discussed). Choose one, or more from the list and guide and support your child as they endeavour to show their love by serving or helping.

3. Play Duck, Duck, Goose or another simple children's game. When it is over say, When we play games like this we want to be the winner. Winning makes us feel like we are the best. However, Jesus taught us that we don't have to be the best all the time. It is better to be a servant and love others. We should care more about helping others.

4. Drawing with your feet

When Jesus was alive it was important to wash people's feet because they wore sandals and their feet would get dusty and very, very dirty..

Tape a large piece of paper to the floor. Have the children try to hold a crayon in between their toes to draw on the paper on the floor. It might be easier if they sit in a chair and try. Talk to them while they are doing this saying, "Helping others can be difficult sometimes, like drawing with your feet, but you can do it if you ask God to help you, help them"

Bible: Retell, by acting out, the account of Jesus washing his disciples feet, found in John 13:3-30. Or, reread the story of Jesus washing his disciples feet, to your child from a children's bible such as "The Lion First Bible" or "The Beginner's Bible".

Discussion:

1. What amazing thing did Jesus do in this story? *(Even though Jesus is the King over everyone and everything, he bent down and washed his friends, the disciples, stinky dirty feet.)*

2. Why did Jesus do that? *(He loved and cared for His disciples and he wanted to show them that they needed to love and take care of one another, the way He loved and took care of them. Sometimes that was hard and meant doing things no one likes to do.)*

3. The Bible tells us that Jesus didn't come to be served but to serve. Do you know the greatest thing Jesus did to serve us? *(Jesus died on the cross to fix our sin problem so that we could live with*



him forever. He came back to life and is now in heaven with God, but one day he is coming back, and while we wait he wants his friends to be like him and to love and serve others.)

4. Jesus says in the Bible that he wants us to love each other. Who does he want us to love?

(Jesus wants us to love our families and he also wants us to love other people we know like our friends, our teachers and our neighbours.)

5. What are some of the ways that we can love and serve others? *(Loving people means being kind to them. We can be kind with our words and gentle with our hands. We can be kind by helping each other. It's not easy being kind, we can pray for God to help us be kind to others).*

We can show our love for others by telling them about Jesus dying on the cross to fix everyone's sin problem so that we can live with Him forever in heaven. We can pray for and help other people to become Jesus' friend. We can invite them to come to EV church or EV Kids.

Pray together: Thank you God for showing me how much you love me by sending your son Jesus. Please help me to show people I love them. Please help me to be kind and to serve others. Amen

Memory verse: John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Ideas for sermon time:

1. Watch this week's video for under 5's.

2. Before sermon time, trace around your child's feet onto a piece of paper or thin card. Cut out the shape of their feet. Write the memory verse on each foot shaped piece of paper or thin card. Have the children decorate their foot shapes with stickers, stamps or drawings, using textas, coloured pencils, or crayons.

3. [A page to colour](#)