



Dear Parents:

This page lets you know what your child learned today at church. Included are suggested discussion questions and possible activities that you may use to reinforce the Bible story at home. Please ask your child to share today's story with you. You may be surprised at how much he or she remembers!

TODAY'S STORY: JESUS WASHES FEET

The King of God's Kingdom is like no other – He serves and loves and calls us "friend." He gives His life willingly.

Today your child learned about the last meal that Jesus had with His followers. One of His closest followers plans to betray Jesus and arranges for the religious leaders to get to Him when He is away from the crowds. But Jesus has more to say and do before He leaves. His last actions are showing love to His followers. He washes their feet in an act of serving, cleaning and accepting them. He calls them friend! He tells them that He is showing God's plans to them and will send God's Spirit to help guide them.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

LUKE 22:1-6;

JOHN 13:1-29; 14:26-27; 15:14-17; 16:14; 18:1

FOCUS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:

"Jesus wants me to love others as He loves me."

NEXT WEEK'S STORY: JESUS' ARREST AND TRIAL

(John 18:1-11; Matthew 26:57-67; 27:1-2

Luke 23:2; John 18:33-38; 19:1-3, 8, 10-16)

PRAYER:

Dear God, Thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you for teaching me how to remember what He did for me and why He did it. Please help me love other people like He loves me.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did the religious leaders want to do to Jesus? What was Judas – one of Jesus' followers – going to do to help them?
- What does it mean to love someone?
- What did Jesus do to show that He loved His followers?
- Why did Jesus' followers need their feet washed?
- What example did Jesus tell His disciples to follow?
- What are some ways that you can follow Jesus' example and show that you love other people?
- What did Jesus say about Judas? What did He tell Judas to do?
- Have you ever been hurt (or betrayed) by someone else? How does it make you feel when a friend does something mean to you?
- What does Jesus want you to do if you are His friend?
- Who did Jesus say He would send? Why?
- After the meal, where did Jesus and His followers go? What were they going to do?
- What are some things that you can pray about? (Take some time to pray together.)

SUGGESTED PARENT/CHILD ACTIVITIES

Today's story takes place during Jesus' last meal with His followers before He is arrested and killed. Take some time to talk with your child about the importance of that last supper and what Jesus told His followers to remember.

~ Have you ever seen a statue or memorial to war heroes? Why do we make memorials like that?

~ What did Jesus tell us to do to remember Him?

~ Why do we need a memorial of Jesus' death?

Consider taking your child to a memorial as you discuss the importance of remembering what Jesus has done for us.



HOLIDAY MEMORIES

For a more thorough discussion about the Last Supper and the Passover meal, you can have the following discussion while making the craft below.

~ Can you name some holidays where you eat a special meal or enjoy special foods?

~ Why do you have special meals on these holidays?

In today's story, Jesus celebrates a special meal – called the Passover – with the disciples. Passover is a time when God's people celebrate being rescued from slavery. At Passover, God's people eat special foods, and the foods have special meaning to remind them that God rescued them. He saved them. Now Jesus gives His followers something new to remember as He teaches them about His death and the new promise (covenant) that is given.

God promises that if we believe in Jesus, we can have a good relationship with Him and live with Him forever. He will forgive us for the bad things we've done and save us from the punishment (death) that we deserve. (Romans 10:9-10)

Make a chalice to help remember God's new promise for His followers.

What you'll need:

- ~ Plastic wine glass
- ~ Coloured tissue paper
- ~ 250 ml of glue
- ~ 80 ml of water
- ~ Jar
- ~ Sponge brush
- ~ Optional: super-fine glitter
- ~ Optional: water-based varnish

Instructions:

1. Put the glue and water in a jar and shake it well. (To make it glossy, add 2 Tablespoons of water-based varnish. To make it sparkly, add super-fine glitter.)
2. Cut your tissue paper into squares or other shapes.



3. Using your brush, paint the glue mixture on the glass and add the tissue paper in a mosaic pattern.
4. After the tissue dries, add another layer of the glue mixture to the wine glass.

5. Optional: You may decorate the chalice with rhinestones or other "jewels" using a hot glue gun.



NEW SOAP

Help your child make some new soap as a reminder of how Jesus served His followers.

What you'll need:

- ~ Coloured soap
- ~ Bowls
- ~ Cheese graters
- ~ Warm water
- ~ Metal forks/spoons

Instructions:

1. Help your children use the cheese graters to grate some soap into a bowl. Keep all the scrapings sorted by colours in different bowls.
2. Give each child a bowl and have him/her add some colours of shavings to his/her bowl. Add a little bit of water (not a lot!) to your children's bowls and they can use their hands to mix the shavings and water together to make a playdough consistency. Shape new bars of soap!
3. *Variation:* Use white soap to grate. Add warm water and a few drops of food colouring. Let it harden after mixed, and use as coloured crayons!

CLAY BOWLS

Make some clay bowls with your children as you discuss today's story.

What you'll need:

- ~ 250 ml of Cornflour
- ~ 500 ml of Baking Soda
- ~ 300 ml of cold water

Instructions:

1. Mix the Cornflour and Baking Soda in a saucepan. Add water.
2. Turn the heat to medium, and stir for 5 minutes – until thick. Then remove it from the heat.
3. When cool enough, put it on a sheet of waxed paper or baking paper and knead for 5 minutes.
4. Form the clay into a bowl, and set it aside to dry (approximately 48 hours).
5. Paint your bowl with acrylic or tempera paint. (Acrylic coats better, but doesn't wash out of clothing.)