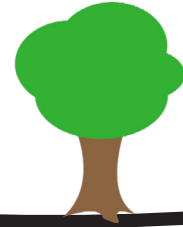


Easter 2: Jesus Washes Feet



Scripture: John 13:1-17

Memory Verse: Psalm 118:26a

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

Tune: *Where is Thumbkin?*

Blessed is he who, comes in the name- (wave arms in the air)
of the Lord, of the Lord (point up)

Psalm one hundred, eighty, verse- twenty six- (form book with hands)
Blessed is he, blessed is he.

Song: Praise ye the Lord *Traditional*

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah,
Praise ye the Lord,
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Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,
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Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,
Praise ye the Lord!

Comprehension Questions:

What did Jesus do to serve the disciples?
Tell me about a time that you helped someone.
How does it make you feel when you help someone?
How does it make God feel when you help someone?
If you can't see God, how can you tell that He is happy and smiling at you
because of what you did?
What are some examples of being a servant to others?

Snack Options:

- Blue Jello cup (bucket of water)
- Brown Pudding (dirty roads)
- Teddy Bears

Objective:

Jesus is a servant.

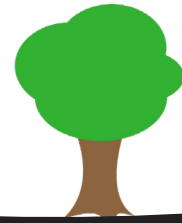
Activity and Craft
Supplies:

- Small Trays or Buckets
- Soapy Water
- Towels
- Baby Wipes (optional)
- Crayons
- Serve Like Jesus
Printable
- Plastic Toys or Dolls
- Bars of soap



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Easter 2: Activities



Activity:

I Can Wash Feet: Fill a couple of small trays or buckets with a little soapy water. Have the children take turns washing the feet of plastic toys just like Jesus washed the disciples' feet. Have a few towels nearby to dry off toys and the children. Baby wipes are another option instead of water.

Craft:

I Can Serve Like Jesus: Give each child a soap wrapping from the Serve Like Jesus printable to color. Wrap and tape around a bar of soap.

Fingerplay:

I Have Ten Fingers *Adapted from Unknown Source*
Have children repeat each line.

I have 10 fingers (hold up fingers)
They all belong to me (point to self with 10 fingers)
I can make them do great things (thumbs up)
Would you like to see? (point to eyes)

I can shut them tight (make a fist)
I can open them up wide (spread fingers wide)
Put them close together (place fingers together with palms in the air)
I can make them all go hide (place hands behind your back)

I can make them jump up high (hands in the air)
I can make them jump down low (hands on the floor)
Fold them oh so quietly (clasp hands together)
And hold them just so (place hands in lap)

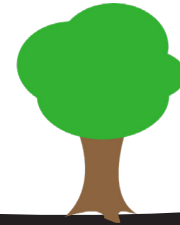


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Additional Ideas:

- ABCJLM Ideas: ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/jesus-washes-the-disciples-feet
- Praise Ye the Lord Actions
Divide the group in half. One side sings the "Hallelu" while the other side sings "Praise ye the Lord." When a side sings, they stand. When not, they bend down. Everyone sings the last "Praise ye the Lord" together. It is helpful to have two adult leaders.

Easter 2: Bible Time



Supplies:

- Bible
- Shallow pan big enough for feet.
- Pitcher of water
- Dirt
- Grass and leaves
- Soap
- Towel

Choose a volunteer to have their feet washed during the Bible story. I always have a member of my family play this volunteer role so there aren't any surprises.

Do you remember how dirty your feet get in the summer when you wear sandals? Someone probably has to wash your feet nightly to get them clean from all the sand and dirt.

In New Testament times, people wore sandals and walked on hot, sandy, dirty roads. Because the roads weren't paved like ours, Jesus and His disciples' feet got very dirty.

Sometimes the disciples walked in the rain. *Over a pan, pour some water on the volunteer's feet.*

Sometimes the disciples walked on dirt streets. *Pour dirt on the volunteer's feet.*

Sometimes the disciples walked in the mud. *Pat wet dirt on volunteer's feet.*

Other times the disciples walked through grass and leaves. *Pour pieces of grass and leaves on the volunteer's feet.* Imagine how dirty the disciples' feet would be after walking all day.

When arriving at someone's house, it was the servants' job to wash the peoples' feet to keep the home clean. *Show volunteer's feet.* Would you want to wash dirty, stinky feet like these? No way!

In our Bible story from John 13, we see that it wasn't the servants who washed the disciples' feet. Instead it was a King washing dirty, gross, yucky feet!

As you talk, wash and dry the volunteer's feet. Jesus and His disciples ate a meal together called the Passover. After supper, Jesus got up from the table and started washing everyone's feet. King Jesus, God's Son, was on His hands and knees, cleaning the dirty feet of His friends. When it was Peter's turn, Peter told Jesus "No! You will never wash my feet." Jesus said to Peter, "I must wash your feet and I want you to wash other people's feet." Jesus was telling Peter that He was serving Peter, and Jesus wants us to serve others as well. Jesus did the job nobody else wanted to do because He loved the disciples so much.

There are jobs that no one likes to do. One job is to help your teacher pick up toys after class time. Or you can clear off the table for your sister. Raise your hand and tell me another job you can do to serve those around you. We can be like Jesus and serve those around us.

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