



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus  
Unit 3, Lesson 14

## Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Lesson Aim: To love others through serving as Jesus did.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** Who did you help this week?

**GAME:** Care to Help

### THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO LOVES

Read Worship Scripture: Ephesians 3:17b-18

Sing songs and worship God. (Use the Seven Stars of Lent activity if this lesson occurs during the 40 days before Easter.)

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

### THE WORD JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Prepare bowl of water, sponge, and towel for a foot washing. **Today, we will hear about the night in Jerusalem when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples.** Point to the town of Jerusalem.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 13:1-17. Find It First.

Highlight Key Verse: John 13:14-15. Pray. **Today, as our helper reads this Bible Story, I will wash the feet of one of you.** Helper stands next to teacher and reads John 13:1-17 as the teacher washes the feet of one volunteer. Option: You may continue to wash other children's feet as you lead The Way discussion.

### THE WAY JESUS WANTS US TO SERVE OTHERS

Did it feel strange to see your teacher washing someone's feet? Foot washing is also a symbol of doing a lowly task to serve someone you love. What lowly task can you do to serve others?

What did Jesus know it was time for Him to do? (Leave this world and go to His Father.) **Why do you think Jesus chose to spend His final moments on earth washing the feet of His disciples?** Jesus washed their feet for two reasons: To show His love for them and to teach them to serve others.

At first, did Peter want Jesus to wash his feet? (No.) What did Jesus say that changed Peter's mind? ("Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me.") Jesus was talking about foot washing as a symbol of washing away their sins. When Jesus died on the cross, He washed our sins away! He loved His followers enough to not only wash their dirty feet but to wash their sins away.

Did Peter understand, at first, why Jesus was washing their feet? (No.) Have you ever had trouble understanding the choices God makes in your life? Jesus was patient in explaining Himself to Peter. How does Jesus' patience with Peter encourage you when you don't understand what God is doing?

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

One thousand years before Jesus showed His love to the disciples, King David prayed a prayer asking God to show His love to him. **Let's check it out.** Reveal Psalm 17:6-8. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How has God shown the wonder of His great love to you? Make David's bold prayer your own prayer this week. Ask God to show you the wonder of His great love!

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

#### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Sea sponge
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #14
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus washing the feet of His disciples
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Love to Serve the Snack

**GAME:** Footprint Relay

**CRAFT:** Foot Washing Kit

**DISCUSSION:** Judas Betrayed Jesus

**THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY**

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Circle Tag, Heart Toss

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**