



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
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 washing a child's feet.

**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, 4-5, 12-17. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 13:14-15. Pray. Helper stands next to teacher and reads John 13:1, 4-5, 12-17 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

**What did Jesus know it was time for Him to do?** (Leave this world and go to His Father.) **The Passover meal was Jesus' last supper before He went to the cross. At that meal, how did Jesus show His disciples His love for them?** (He washed their feet.) **In Bible**

Times, foot washing was the job of a servant...not a teacher or an honored guest. How do you think the disciples felt to have Jesus wash their feet?

Jesus explained why He washed their feet. What did Jesus want His disciples to do after seeing His example? (Serve one another.) Jesus wanted them to love others by serving.

Foot washing is a symbol of doing a lowly task to serve someone you love. Let's take 60 seconds to brainstorm all the ways we can serve others this week. Ready? Set? Go! Teacher makes list of the children's service ideas. Jesus used a bowl of water and a towel to serve His disciples. What items will you need to use for the tasks we brainstormed?

Jesus promises us blessings if we serve one another to show our love. Have you ever received a blessing from serving others?

### **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
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**