

Family Lenten Reading and Conversation



This week we will begin to wrap-up our journey through the book of John. This week's conversations come from Luke 19:33-40 and John 13. Have a basin and towel ready for foot washing as you read aloud together John 13, or read the story of the Last Supper from a Bible storybook.

First read Luke 19:33-40, the story of Christ's triumphal entry. Talk about what it would have been like to be in the crowd, seeing Jesus ride by on a donkey, and praising Him by waving palms.

This week is Holy Week, the week we remember the way Jesus made His way into Jerusalem where He would suffer and die on the cross. Then on the third day, He rose from the grave and appeared before His disciples. Jesus knew His time with His followers was nearing an end, and He had one final thing to show them. Read John 13 or read the story of the Last Supper from a Bible storybook. Be sure to include the foot washing!

- John tells us Jesus knew His time with His disciples was almost over, and He had something important to do with His followers. Describe in your own words what He did (John 13:1-5).
- In Bible times, people wore sandals and walked nearly everywhere they went. Foot-washing was a very necessary thing! Why were the disciples surprised at what Jesus did?
- Take your basin and towel and take turns washing each other's feet. As you do, talk about what Jesus was teaching His followers by His actions. How did the process of Jesus washing His followers feet symbolize what He was about to do on the cross?
- What did Jesus mean when He told His disciples to wash one another's feet?
- Jesus said that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). That means if we believe in Him, and want to live for Him, we need to follow Him. How can we follow the example He gives us? What are some things that you could do to be a servant this week?
- Try to do one thing each day for someone else, without being asked or thanked. (You could take out the garbage, wash dishes, or clean your room!)

Talk together about what we celebrate at Easter. When Jesus came to earth, He came to die for us. When He died on the cross, He took the punishment for all our sins so that all who believe in Him would be forgiven and close with God forever. Thank Him that He died for you to cleanse your heart. Ask Him to show you how you can have the heart of a servant, like He did. Pray for the people you love who don't yet know Jesus.

