

Lent Series: Jesus Serves Week 4

Worship Time: 2 songs

Higher than the Sky- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsEWjx_nnel

Superhero- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVnHYmc744s>

Lesson 4: Jesus Serves

Leader: Today we get as Easter is coming soon we are going to spend some time with Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper.

Scripture:

Matthew 26:17-30; John 13:1-17

Kids Read: *Take turns reading together*

The Last Supper

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near.

I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

Leader: Let's watch the Holy Moly crew as they tell the story

Video: Holy Moly video: Last Supper Video-
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/content/kidsseries/218363?episode=2>

Question:

How does Jesus serve his disciples? (Last Supper/Feet washing)

Why do you think it was hard for Peter to have Jesus wash his feet?

Do you find it hard to serve others? In what ways?

Do you find it hard to have others serve you? Why?

Leader: Jesus gives us the perfect example of how to serve one another. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. I bet their feet were really dirty walking around in sandals or even barefoot. In those days only servants or slaves would wash the feet of others. It was considered a lowly thing to do. At the Last

Supper, Jesus was the guest of honor, he certainly would have never been asked to wash the feet of his guest, but he did. Jesus chose to do the lowest job possible in washing his disciples feet, even his disciples were wondering what was going on. Jesus shows us that there is nothing too low, too dirty, or unworthy of serving. Jesus came to serve all people in all ways. By giving of himself in all ways through the Last Supper, washing the disciple's feet and eventually on the cross, Jesus is our ultimate example of servanthood.

Question:

If you could ask Jesus about how he served his disciples, what would you ask?

How does knowing that Jesus was willing to do a servant/slaves job, show you how to serve others?

How can you serve others like Jesus served?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, we praise you for your amazing example of serving others. We ask that you continue to show us that we can serve your people in a way that you wish us to serve them. Let us have eyes to see those who need us and by serving them they will know who you are. We ask all these things in your name, Amen.