

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Scripture Reference: John 13:1-17

Scripture Verse: "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13:15

Main Truth: We should care for one another

Jesus knew He wasn't going to be with the disciples much longer. He loved them and wanted to show them how to live. Jesus knew just what to do, so listen closely and see what He did.

All the disciples were reclining at the table. They were ready to eat supper but, ::sniff sniff:: pee yew! What was that smell?! It was their feet. See, when people walked around back they wore sandals and they stepped in some pretty nasty stuff. When people would go to each other's house they would have their feet washed to fix this problem. Well, all the disciples thought they were pretty fantastic. Washing people's feet was a slave's job. And they were Jesus' special chosen ones, surely they didn't have to wash feet, right?

As all the disciples were thinking "surely I don't have to do such an embarrassing job", Jesus stood up. The disciples all watched. Jesus tucked in his shirt, grabbed a bowl of water, and began to wash the disciples' feet! They were all amazed that He would do such a thing. When Jesus got to Peter, Peter said, "Lord, I should be the one washing YOUR feet, not YOU washing mine!" Jesus said, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." Then Peter said, "Lord, then wash my whole body!" Jesus replied, "You do not need your whole body washed because you are clean." Jesus was explaining to Peter that by believing in Jesus, we are made clean.

When Jesus was finished washing the disciples' feet He asked them "Do you understand what I have done? I have shown you how you should live. If even I do this for you, then you should do this for each other." See, Jesus is God. God, the creator of the heavens and earth humbled Himself and washed people's feet. Jesus showed us that no one is too important (make arrogant body language to make sure this is clear) to serve other people. Jesus showed us that we need to care for each other and should put other's needs before our own. We should see other people as Jesus did, with love. When we truly love Jesus, we will love other people and care for them.

Questions:

Whose true words are in the Bible? God's

Who was Jesus with? Disciples

Were their feet clean or dirty? Dirty

Who washed the disciples' feet? Jesus

Is Jesus a good man or is Jesus God? Jesus is God

Should we take care of just ourselves or other people too? Take care of other people too

How are some ways that you can help other people? Let them throw out lots of ideas

What did Jesus teach the disciples' to do by washing their feet? To be humble and serve other people

Infant Story:

- Jesus and the disciples were sitting down for dinner
- Pee yew! What is that smell? It was all their stinky feet!
- Someone needed to wash their feet.
- The disciples said, "Not me, I'm too important to do that job."
- The Lord Jesus Christ stood up and washed the disciples' feet.
- Jesus showed the disciples that it is important to take care of each other.
- Jesus also taught the disciples that when they believe in Jesus, they are clean and saved from their sins.
- When we love Jesus, we will love all His people too.