

**Children's Devotion**  
**Week of March 23**

**Family Activity: Rice Krispy Easter Eggs**

<https://www.passionforsavings.com/rice-krispies-eggs/>

**Lesson Three: Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet**

**PARENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In Bible times, most people wore sandals, and the roads they walked on were dusty. They may have bathed and been clean, but by the end of the day, their feet were very dirty. Foot washing was one of the first things people did when they entered a house. A good host provided water for the guests to wash their own feet, or a servant in the house would wash the guests' feet.

Before Passover, Jesus and his disciples were sharing a meal when Jesus unexpectedly got up from the meal. He took off his outer robe and tied a towel around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began washing the disciples' feet. Jesus' actions were that of a servant not a master, and the disciples were uncomfortable with the reversal of roles.

When it was Peter's turn to have his feet washed, he strongly objected. Peter's response showed love for his master but not humility. Jesus was teaching his disciples humility and servanthood by his example. Like many other things Jesus taught, the disciples didn't understand the lesson at the time. But his words became clear after Jesus' death and resurrection.

Jesus told Peter, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

Since Peter's greatest desire was to be with Jesus, he responded, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

Again, Peter showed his love for Jesus but with an element of pride and self-will. Jesus scolded Peter again by saying people who have bathed only need their feet washed. Then Jesus said to all of the disciples, "If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example: just as I have done, you also must do."

When we choose to follow Jesus, we agree to be a servant to others. Jesus taught us by example to be humble, servant leaders. Jesus said, "Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them."

READ: John 13:1-17

**ASK:** Why did Jesus say he washed the disciples' feet?

*Now, have the kids take turns washing someone else's hands with soap and water.*

How did it make you feel to wash someone's hands? What do you think Jesus was feeling when he washed the disciples' feet?

**WATCH (copy link):** <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/video/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/33162-deep-blue-connects-adventure-spring-2020/33300-lessons/112464-jesus-washes-feet>

**ASK:** Other than washing feet, how can you serve like Jesus?

**\*\*\*Attached at the end of this document is an additional page with sign language for this verse!**

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

### **Learn the Books of the Bible in order:**

<http://www.blessedbeyondadoubt.com/fun-way-learn-books-bible-free-printable-books-bible/>

*\*Elizabeth's note: take some time having your child(ren) look up verses in the Bible. This is quick and easy exercise to get familiar with the Bible. Many kids come into the youth program not knowing how to look up a book, chapter, and verse of the Bible. Getting familiar with the pages of the Bible is the first step to reading and studying God's Word! ☺*

#### **Puffy Sidewalk Chalk Paint Ingredients**

1 cup flour

1 cup water

1 tablespoon dish soap – just about any dish soap will work.

5-10 drops food coloring or washable paint

#### **How to Make Sidewalk Chalk Paint**

In a large mixing bowl stir together the flour and water until there are no lumps.

Stir in the dish soap to the flour mixture.

Add food coloring of your choice of color until the desired color is achieved.

Pour the mixture into your squeeze bottle.

Give the kids their new sidewalk paint and let them have fun! Make each color in a different bowl or one at a time and pour into the bottles and then make the next color. Use it all in one day, they explode if just left closed. Dosen't save well!!!



# “If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other’s feet.”

John 13:14



## Lord

Make an “L” with the right index finger and thumb. Place the “L” at the left shoulder and then move the “L” across the body to the right waist.



## Wash

Make fists with both hands. Bring the right fist up over the left fist and move your fists like you are scrubbing something.



## Feet

Hold your left hand out with your palm facing down. With the first finger of your right hand, point by the left side of your left hand and then the right side.



## You

Point out with your index finger.



## Wash

Make fists with both hands. Bring the right fist up over the left fist and move your fists like you are scrubbing something.



## Others

Hold your right hand in a fist, palm side forward, with your thumb out and pointing left. Rotate your fist counterclockwise so the thumb is then pointing right.



## Feet

Hold your left hand out with your palm facing down. With the first finger of your right hand, point by the left side of your left hand and then the right side.