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Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

John 13

It was almost time for the Jewish Passover Feast. Jesus knew that it was time for him to leave this world and go back to the Father. He had always loved those who were his own in the world, and he loved them all the way to the end.

² Jesus and his followers were at the evening meal. The devil had already persuaded Judas Iscariot to turn against Jesus. (Judas was the son of Simon.) ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him power over everything. He also knew that he had come from God and was going back to God. ⁴ So during the meal Jesus stood up and took off his outer clothing. Taking a towel, he wrapped it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a bowl and began to wash the followers' feet. He dried them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ Jesus came to Simon Peter. But Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus answered, "You don't understand what I am doing now. But you will understand later."

⁸ Peter said, "No! You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "If I don't wash your feet, then you are not one of my people."

⁹ Simon Peter answered, "Lord, after you wash my feet, wash my hands and my head, too!"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "After a person has had a bath, his whole body is clean. He needs only to wash his feet. And you men are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ Jesus knew who would turn against him. That is why Jesus said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and sat down again. Jesus asked, "Do you understand what I have just done for you?" ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord.' And this is right, because that is what I am. ¹⁴ I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So you also should wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I did this as an example for you. So you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth. A servant is not greater than his master. A messenger is not greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.



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What did Jesus do for his disciples?

Why do you think Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet?

Why did Peter finally agree to let Jesus wash his feet?

Why do you think Jesus washed his disciples' feet?



Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet Coloring



Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet Craft

Craft/Activity: Wash Basins

Students will make wash basins to remind them that Jesus washed his disciples' feet as an example to us.

Materials

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Feet Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Glue
5. Scissors
6. Paper Bowls
7. Paper Towels



Directions

1. Make copies of the feet pattern for each student onto 67 lb cardstock.
2. Have students color the feet and cut them out.
3. Glue the feet into a paper bowl.
4. Glue a paper towel into the bowl.

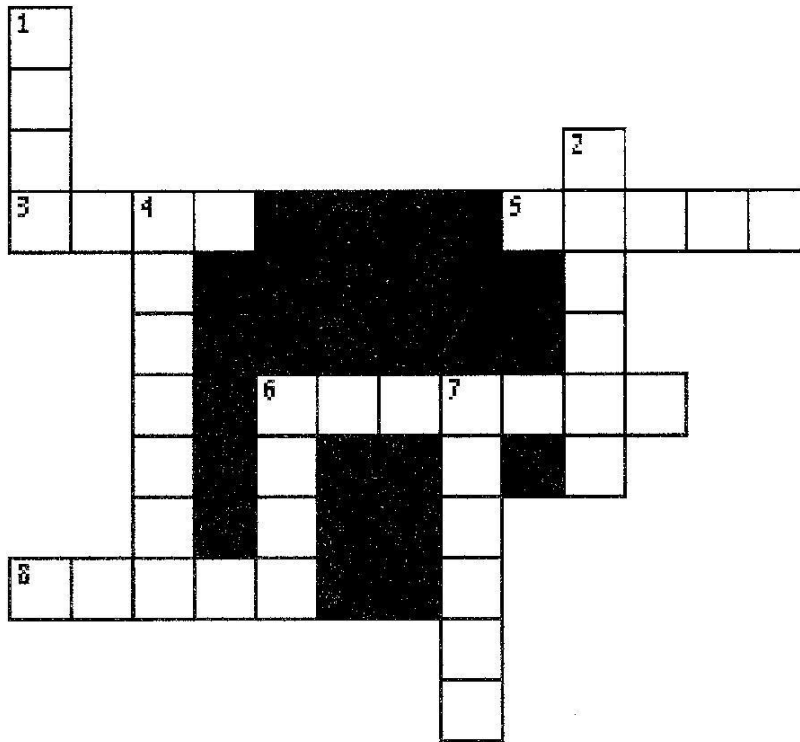


Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet Craft

Feet Pattern



Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet Puzzle



- 6 ACROSS "He who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be abased, and he who _____ himself will be exalted." **MATTHEW 23:11-12**
- 6 DOWN "...Jesus knew that His _____ had come that He should depart from this world to the Father..." **JOHN 13:1**
- 2 DOWN "Jesus, knowing that the _____ had given all things into His hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God." **JOHN 13:3**
- 3 ACROSS "...He poured water into a basin and began to _____ the disciples' feet." **JOHN 13:5**
- 8 ACROSS "_____ said to Him, 'You shall never wash my feet!' Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.'" **JOHN 13:8**
- 7 DOWN "Jesus said to him, 'He who is _____ needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean.'" **JOHN 13:10**
- 1 DOWN "So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, 'Do you _____ what I have done? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.'" **JOHN 13:12-13**
- 4 DOWN "Most assuredly, I say to you, a _____ is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him." **JOHN 13:16**
- 5 ACROSS "If you know these things, _____ are you if you do them." **JOHN 13:17**

