

# STORIES WITHIN THE TRUE STORY



## Week Thirty - Dirty Feet

### A Note to the Parents/Teachers

*Jesus, the King of the universe, took on the role of a servant and washed his disciples dirty feet after they had traveled through dirt and who knows what else. Then he told his followers to do the same for one another. But in our context we don't have a need for someone to wash our feet. Use this story to explore other ways we can serve one another to show the love of Jesus.*

- **Big Idea:** King Jesus has served us, so we can be better Servants!

### Starter

- **Evidences of Grace**

*Ask kids to share ways they've seen God at work lately. Anything, big or small, which is good is from God. When a kid shares, encourage everyone to thank God together.*

- **Discuss**

*Has there ever been a time someone went out of their way to help you or serve you? Did they have to do it? How did it make you feel?*

### Sing Together

### Story - from John 13:1-17

Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. Having loved his dear friends, he continued to love them right to the end. It was suppertime. The devil by now had Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, firmly in his grip, all set for the betrayal.

Jesus knew that the Father had put Jesus in complete charge of everything, that he came from God and was on his way back to God. So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron. When he got to Simon Peter, Peter said

“Master, you wash my feet?”

Jesus answered, “You don’t understand now what I’m doing, but it will be clear enough to you later.”

Peter persisted, “You’re not going to wash my feet—ever!”

Jesus said, “If I don’t wash you, you can’t be part of what I’m doing.”

“Master!” said Peter. “Not only my feet, then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!”

Jesus said, “If you’ve had a bath in the morning, you only need your feet washed now and you’re clean from head to toe. My concern, you understand, is holiness, not hygiene. So now you’re clean. But not every one of you.” (He knew who was betraying him. That’s why he said, “Not every one of you.”) After he had finished washing their feet, he took his robe, put it back on, and went back to his place at the table.

Then he said, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as ‘Teacher’ and ‘Master,’ and rightly so. That is what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet. I’ve laid down a pattern for you. What I’ve done, you do. I’m only pointing out the obvious. A servant is not ranked above his master; an employee doesn’t give orders to the employer. If you understand what I’m telling you, act like it—and live a blessed life.

*[Dialogue Questions - you may use some or all]*

- Why do you think the disciples needed their feet washed if they already had a bath that morning?
  - They didn’t have sidewalks back then so they walked in sandals where the animals walked — and where the animals pooped!
- Do you know whose job it typically was to wash peoples feet when they came to a house?
  - The servants. The people in the lowest position in the house.
- Why would Jesus take on the role of the servant, when he knew God had given him all authority and he came from God?

- Do you think Jesus wants us to wash people's feet still, even though the world is different today? What are some practical ways we can serve others in today's world?

### Breakout Time

- **Prayer:**

Jesus, thank you for serving us by giving your life for us. Father, help us to live like Jesus and give to others so they might know about your love! Amen.

- **Craft:**

- Color and cutout the feet attached
- Have the kids glue them into a paper bowl (as the basin) with torn up blue tissue or construction paper inside (for the water). It will look like this:



- **BLESS Activity:** *\*For kids to do during the week\**  
Because this Story is true, we want to be faithful to live in it. We ask Spirit to help us Bless, Listen, Eat, Speak, and Sabbath (rest & celebrate) in ways that tell the good news of God's Story.

This week, focus on the **Bless** rhythm. Who can you serve this week? Is there someone at school who is often overlooked or maybe even someone you may not get along with? Could God be asking you to bless that person?

