THE WAY OF JESUS

Memory Verse: **“So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19**
Weekly Big Idea: **How can we use our time and talents to help others?**
(Answer) Jesus Connection: **We can use the time and talents God has given us to show love and kindness to others like Jesus did.**
Bible Story Scripture**: Washing the Disciples Feet | John 13:1-17**

SERIES OVERVIEW

Hey Guys! So glad you are here! We have been looking closely at the life of Jesus. We have learned what God’s Church is and how important it is for believers to worship together. We have seen how special our communities are when we gather together to study God’s Word and pray for each other. We can love and serve others just like Jesus did. Jesus is our example to follow in every way.

Let’s read our memory verse together. Do you remember it? *(read slowly)* ***“So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19***
It’s important to memorize God’s Word to put it in our hearts and minds. Then, it’s there when we need it.

LESSON INTRODUCTION

Our Big Idea Question for this week is this - **How can we use our time and talents to help others?**

Do you like to help others? How does it make you feel when you can help someone? Helping others is a wonderful way to obey God and show His love. Today, we are going to learn how Jesus showed us the best way to serve Him and help others.

Washing the Disciples Feet | John 13:1-17

During the presentation of Scripture, use a physical Bible, when possible, to model exploring God’s Word together.

There is a story in the New Testament that gives us a great picture of Jesus loving His disciples and serving them. Today, we are going to read about a time when Jesus and His closest followers were having a meal together. This meal was called the Last Supper. Jesus knew He was about to be betrayed.

When someone betrays you, it means they break the trust you have. Being betrayed might look like a close friend telling others something that’s not true about you. Or maybe they tell a secret that you’ve asked them not to tell. When our friends betray us, it hurts. Even though Jesus knew one of His disciples would betray Him, He still chose to show kindness and love.

After they finished eating the meal, Jesus did something surprising. He got up from the table and began to wash His disciples’ feet. Let’s get our Bibles and turn to John 13 to find out why He did this.

John 13:4-5 says, “So during the meal Jesus stood up and took off his outer clothing. Taking a towel, he wrapped it around his waist. 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.”
You see, when Jesus was walking on this earth, the shoes He wore didn’t cover His whole foot. Many people wore sandals. People’s feet got very dirty from walking on dirt roads. Sometimes they walked through mud and rain.

Imagine this - after a rainstorm, you walk through a mud puddle with sandals or flip-flops. First of all, that sounds like a lot of fun, BUT your feet would get very dirty. Eventually, you would need to wash them to get them clean again. Washing feet was usually a job for a servant, so when Jesus began to wash Peter's feet, he didn't think this was a job that Jesus should be doing. Peter didn't understand why Jesus would wash his feet.

Let's keep reading in verses 7-8 to see the response Jesus gave to Peter.

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

After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus explained that He was setting an example for them. He told them they should do for others what He had done for them. He said…

John 13:14-15 "I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So you also should wash each other's feet. I did this as an example for you. So you should do as I have done for you."

LESSON CONCLUSION

Jesus wants us to serve others with love and kindness. We don't have to actually wash someone else's feet to follow Jesus' way. There are so many things we can do to serve and love others well. We can do something as simple as letting someone else take a turn before us or something as big as helping someone who is sick. We can write a kind note to encourage a friend or we can help serve a meal to families who are hungry. When we choose to be kind and help others, we are showing them the love of Jesus. Let's remember that we can always choose to serve others with love and kindness no matter what.

Are you ready to answer the Big Idea Question now? **How can we use our time and talents to help others?** When we choose to be kind and serve others, we are showing them the love of Jesus.

JESUS CONNECTION

We can use the time and talents God has given us to show love and kindness to others like Jesus did.

SMALL GROUP: REVIEW & DISCUSSION

This is a time to check kids' understanding of the Bible story and its Truths. These guided questions can spark minds to continue seeking understanding of God and His Son, Jesus.

Recall:

- In the story, what do we call the meal that Jesus shared with His disciples? *(The Last Supper)*
- What kind of act did Jesus do for His friends? *(He washed their feet.)*
- How did Peter respond when Jesus tried to wash his feet? *(Peter said "No!" He thought Jesus shouldn't be doing the job of a servant because Jesus was the Son of God.)*

Discussion & Application:

- Why did Jesus wash the feet of His disciples? *(To serve them in love; to set an example for how they are to treat others as they share the Good News)*
- What is one thing you learned from today's lesson?
- How will you use what you learned this week?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for the life of Jesus. He showed everyone how to serve and help each other. Through His example, He teaches us to be kind to all people. He teaches us that treating people with love is the best way to live. Please help us to share Your love with others. In the amazing name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

LIVE IT OUT CHALLENGE

This challenge will prompt kids to make the KXP lesson personal. It can encourage them to live out what The Bible teaches us.

Challenge: New ways to serve

- **Leaders** – Talk about ways we typically serve in the church and our communities. Then, encourage some creative thinking to discover new ways to serve with kindness and love. Write these ways on the board.
- Encourage the kids to **PRAY FIRST** and ask God what act of service He wants them to try.
- **Kids** – *(on a note card*) Write down a new and exciting way to serve in your community this week.