

Washing Feet—March 2021, Week 2

Today's Bible Story: When you love like Jesus, you can be a good friend.
Washing Feet • *John 13:3-17*

Memory Verse: "Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12, NIV

Key Question: Who can love like Jesus?

Bottom Line: I can love like Jesus.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

INTRO ACTIVITY: Hop Scotch

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Hopscotch mat or painter's tape; and bean bag

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the hopscotch mat on the floor in an open area of the room. If using painter's tape, create a hopscotch game on the floor.

During the Activity: Take turns playing hopscotch. Repeat as long as desired.

After the Activity: Talk about how feet are an important part of our story today.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! Come join me in a game of hopscotch."

During the Activity: "Line up behind me. *(Pause.)* Toss the beanbag on a square. *(Pause.)* Hop through all the squares, skipping the one the beanbag is on. One foot in each square, keep hopping! *(Pause.)* When you get to the end, turn around and come back. *(Pause.)* Pick up the beanbag on the way and hand it to the next friend in line. *(Repeat as long as desired.)* Sit down where you are."

After the Activity: "You did a great job using your feet to hop and jump today. We'll hear about feet in our story today."

VIDEO: Washing Feet: *Watch today's Bible Story Video with Pastor Robin!*

REVIEW ACTIVITY: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (25 minutes)

Foot Washing Bags**

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

What You Need: "Two Feet" Activity Pages; cardstock; gallon-sized zip-top bags; masking tape; gel shaving cream; wet wipes; and paper towels

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Allergy Alert Poster” on cardstock and hang on the door. Copy “Two Feet” on cardstock, several copies per small group (one per child if your group is small). Slide pages into the gallon zip-top bags and seal with as little air inside as possible. Tape to the table.

During the Activity: Have children sit at the table in front of the bags. Squirt a small amount of gel shaving cream on each bag. Encourage children to rub their hands over the bag to wash the feet. Talk about what happens to the shaving cream. It starts out see-through like water then turns soapy. Wipe off the shaving cream with wipes and paper towels. Repeat as long as desired.

After the Activity: Review the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come sit at the table. In our story, we heard how Jesus showed love for His friends by washing their feet. Let’s wash these feet.”

During the Activity: “I will give you all a little squirt of shaving cream. *(Pause.)* What do you notice about the shaving cream? *(Pause.)* The smell; it’s a clean smell. It’s see-through, like water. What color is it? *(Pause.)* That’s right. Now wash the feet. *(Pause.)* What happened to the shaving cream when you started washing the feet? *(Pause.)* It turned white like soap. Keep washing, then wipe them off with the wet wipes and paper towels. *(Pause.)* Awesome job! Jesus was a good friend. You can be a good friend just like Jesus!”

After the Activity: “Jesus and His friends had been out walking all day. The roads were dusty and made everyone’s feet really dirty. Jesus wanted to do something for His friends to show them how much He cared for them. Jesus is God’s Son and is very important. But Jesus wasn’t too important to wash His friend’s feet. We aren’t too important to do things for our friends either. When we love like Jesus, we can be a good friend, too. **Who can love like Jesus?** *[Bottom Line]* **I can love like Jesus.**”

MEMORY VERSE

SAY: “Jesus did something with feet in our Bible story today. He didn’t hop on them, though. What did Jesus do with feet in our story? *(Pause.)* Yes, Jesus washed His friends’ feet to show them what it looks like to love people the way He loves us. Jesus put His friends first.

“When Jesus was done washing His friends’ feet, He told them to go and love others the way He has loved them. That’s why we’re learning the Bible verse. *(Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.)*

“‘Love each other as I have loved you,’ John 15:12. *(Close Bible and lay it down.)*

“Those are Jesus’ words. Jesus is telling you and me to love each other as He has loved us. Let’s stand up and say that together with the motions.”

“**Love each other** *(hug yourself)*
as I *(point up)*

have loved you,' (*point thumbs to chest*)
John 15:12." (*Open hands like a book.*)

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

SAY: "Jesus will never tell us to do something that He won't help us do. That's why I know we can love each other the way Jesus loves us. So when I ask, '**Who can love like Jesus?**', I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] 'I can love like Jesus!'** Get ready! **Who can love like Jesus?**"

"I can love like Jesus!"

"Again! **Who can love like Jesus?"**

"I can love like Jesus!"

"Yay! **I can love like Jesus!**

JOURNAL AND PRAYER

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

What You Need: Paper/Prayer Journal, and A Marker or Fun Pen

SAY: "Let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Jesus washed His friends' dirty feet to be a good friend and show them He loved them. Let's make a list of things we can do for our friends to show them we want to be a good friend. When I say your name, tell me one way you can be a good friend and show your friends you love them, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

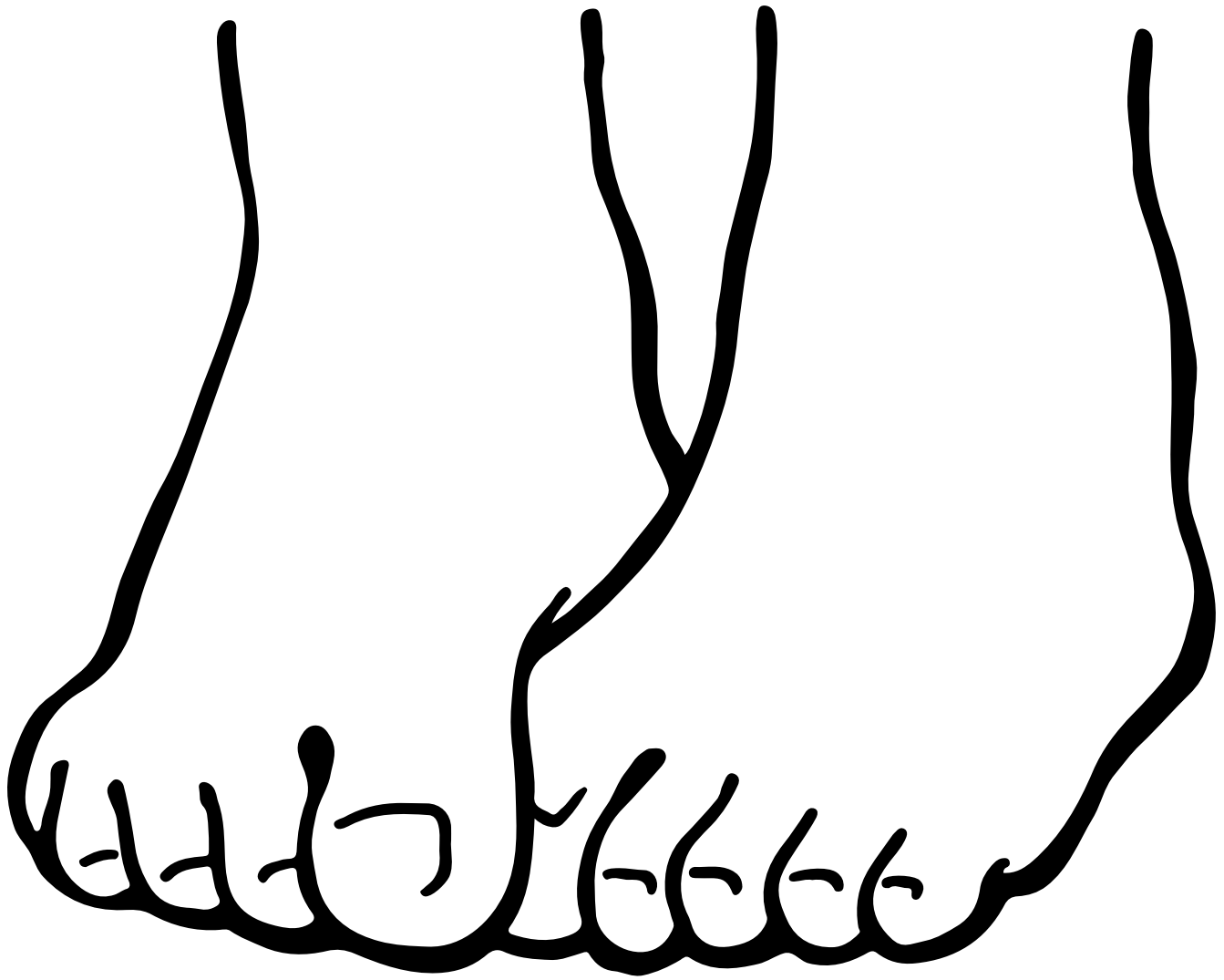
(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"Wow! This is a great list! Let's use it when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer

"Dear God, we want to be a good friend and love others the way Jesus loves us. Will You help [child's name and what they listed] and [next child's name and what they listed] . . . (*continue with the children's list*) . . . so we can be good friends and love others the way Jesus loves us? We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



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Copy on cardstock. Several copies per activity.