

## Clean Feet

### INTRO FOR PARENTS:

Jesus is our perfect example of servant leadership and this activity will help you model that for your kids. Jesus, King of the Universe, humbly took the position of the lowest servant to show His love to His disciples and remind them how to love each other. Use this activity to help show your kids what it looks like to love and lead while serving others, following the example of our perfect Savior!

### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- A pan, bowl, or tub with water
- Washcloths
- Towels
- Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones

### HELPFUL HINTS:

- You may want to have everyone run around barefoot for a while to get some extra dirty feet to clean
- Texts that are **bolded** are meant to be read out loud
- All other texts are either activity directions or answers to the teaching questions
- Feel free to modify the teaching portion for younger children
- Start and end your time talking to God in prayer

### TEACHING TIME:

Before starting the craft, take time to read “The Servant King” (page 286) from the Jesus Storybook Bible or watch the video version on YouTube or Facebook @jesusstorybookbible.

**This meal was very special because it was the last meal Jesus would share with His disciples before dying on the cross. What were the disciples arguing about at the meal? (stinky feet!) Washing someone’s feet back then was a very dirty, stinky job because the streets were made of dirt with animals everywhere.**

**Who washed the disciples stinky feet? (Jesus!) This job was usually done by the lowliest servant, not a king like Jesus. But Jesus is not like every other king. He is the perfect Servant King who loves us so much! Who does He love? (You, me, everyone!)**

**Jesus washing the dirt from His disciples’ feet was a symbol of what He would do in the next few hours when He died on the cross to wash away the sins from their hearts. When we choose to believe in Jesus, He will wash our sins away and make our hearts clean, too!**

**Today we will wash each other’s feet and remember two very important truths. Repeat after me.**

- Jesus wants us to remember He gave His life for us
- Jesus is the Savior whom God promised

### **ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. OPTIONAL - Go on a short walk barefooted to get your feet dirty (even better if it's raining & muddy!)
2. Gather your supplies and fill your pan or tub with water
3. Set up your washing station (maybe outside on a porch, in your yard, a bathroom, etc.)
4. Decide who will be the first person to wash someone's feet (It may be best for a parent to lead by example.)
5. Give everyone a chance to both have their feet washed and wash someone else's feet
6. As feet are being washed, talk about how the dirt represents the sin in our hearts. Anyone can clean feet, but clean feet aren't the most important. We need clean hearts and only Jesus can clean our hearts from sin.
7. After everyone has had their feet washed, repeat the two truths together again. **Jesus wants us to remember He gave His life for us. Jesus is the Savior whom God promised.**