

# ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

## CHARACTER TRAIT:

**HUMILITY**

## DEFINITION:

Living with the right understanding of who God is, who I am, and who you are

## MEMORY VERSE:

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." **PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4**

## FINISH LINE:

Humility helps us focus on others

## READ: JOHN 13:1-17

### WHAT DOES IT SAY?

#### (OBSERVATION)

1. When did this story take place? (*It was before the Passover meal. Later that night Jesus was arrested and sent to the cross.*)
2. Who was there? (*Jesus and His disciples.*) How did Jesus feel about His disciples? (*He loved them.*)
3. What did Jesus do to show He loved them and was focused on them? (*He acted like a servant and washed their dirty feet.*)
4. What did the disciples call Jesus in verse 13? (*Teacher and Lord*) Would a person like that normally wash feet? (*No.*) Why not? (*It wasn't their job. Their servants would do it.*)
5. Look at verses 14-15. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do? (*Follow His example. If He is willing to be humble and focus on others, they need to be, too.*)

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

#### (INTERPRETATION)

1. The first week of humility we learned Jesus is our perfect example. What kind of example did Jesus set for us here? (*He wanted to show us that none of us are too good to be humble. He is our teacher and Lord so we must not think that we are too good to do what He did. He focused on others and will help us do the same.*)
2. How does this story point to His greatest act of humility on the cross? (*He was focused on others and became a servant because of His love. He washed His disciples' feet at dinner and, because of His sacrifice on the cross, He can wash us clean from our sin. He was willing to take our place, even though He didn't deserve to die and we don't deserve to be saved, because He loves us.*)

### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

#### (APPLICATION)

1. Why does humbly focusing on others matter? (*We are sharing Jesus' example of love and humility with them, showing them that they matter to us and to God. Also, one way we can show Jesus we love Him is by following His example.*)
2. When has God helped you respond with humility, thinking of others first, to meet someone's need? When has someone done that for you recently?
3. Discuss situations where God can help you be humble and focused on others this week. (*Examples: help your siblings clean their rooms, encourage your grown-up with a card, let someone else have the last cookie*)