

READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is

The Last Supper

from John 13:1-20

Jesus calls us to love one another.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Jesus
- Peter
- Judas
- Footwashing
- Bread
- Disciples

The practice of footwashing was common in areas where sandals were the usual footwear. To show hospitality to guests, the host might provide water for guests to wash their feet, serve the guests by washing their feet, or even provide a servant to wash their feet.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 462-467

Spark Bible page 1190

Family Prayer

Dear Jesus, help us to love one another as you have loved us. Remind us to help those who need help, be kind to everyone, and love each other. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 How do you know when somebody loves you?
- 2 Do you or would you like to have someone wash your feet? Why?
- 3 How can you show love to somebody in your family? To somebody outside your family?
- 4 Using the numbered cards in a deck of cards, pull one out each day and strive to do that many acts of love during the day. They can be very simple things — helping someone with a chore, giving hugs, delivering a meal, or making a card for someone.



Eye Spark

When you see a piece of art that depicts the story of the Last Supper, remember Jesus' words to the disciples: "Love one another!"



Ear Spark

When you hear the Words of Institution during worship, remember this story of Jesus sharing the bread with his disciples at his last supper.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Bake Jesus Bread together. (Any bread recipe will do!) While it bakes in the oven, read stories in your Bible about Jesus serving others. When you eat the bread, instead of cutting it into pieces, pull off chunks and serve it to one another like Jesus did with his disciples.

For younger kids

Ask someone in your family to wash your feet in a bowl like Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Then you can return the favor!

For older kids

Using art books or the internet, look for images of the Last Supper. What do you notice about the works of art through the ages? Can you pick out the characters in this story? What parts of the story are not told in the art?

TRY IT

Art

Show God's love by working together as family to make a chalk drawing on a neighbor's or family member's driveway or sidewalk. Use words and symbols of caring and encouragement to brighten their day and share God's love.

Computer Lab

By washing the disciples' feet, Jesus set an example of caring for us to follow. As a family, use your computer to make a card for someone in your church family or in your community whom you know is lonely or ill. Let them know how special he or she truly is.

Creative Drama

Pretend you are Jesus. Gather everyone in the family before dinner and wash their feet. During dinner, share some bread and grape juice. Talk about what Jesus did to show love for others. How can we be more like Jesus?

Video

When Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, he was telling us that none of us is too important to care for others. Watch a movie together about someone who goes to great lengths to love and care for others. Notice the difficulties this person encounters, and then talk about God's grace.

Bible Skills and Games

In the story of the Last Supper, Jesus served his disciples by washing their feet and gave us the example of serving others. This week, encourage your children to look for ways to serve at home. Allow them to do a job or two around the house, even though they're little and may not do the job perfectly. After all, the only *perfect* servant was Jesus!

Cooking

Jesus is an example of service and love to us. Gather together in communion with your family. Pass around a loaf of bakery bread. As you tear off pieces to eat, share a way someone in the family has been a good example to you. What have you taught each other?

Music

Find out who some of the homebound members are in your congregation and go visit them, or visit a home for seniors. Borrow a hymnal from your church so you can sing hymns during the visit. Practice some of the more popular hymns from your denomination ahead of time.

Science

Warm a towel over a heating vent or in a dryer. Cool another towel by placing it in the freezer. Select other fabrics that your feet don't usually feel (denim, satin, tulle). Place all the samples on the floor and encourage family members to walk barefooted for a variety of sensations.