



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

You can find it in your Bible in:

John 13 v 1–17 and 31–35

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



Maundy Thursday

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

- *Why do you think Jesus washed his disciples' feet?*

Washing feet was not an unusual thing in Jesus' time – because the ground was dusty, and most people wore sandals, when you had a guest in your house you might offer to wash their feet. Jesus wanted to teach his disciples a lesson – to help them understand what it means to love and serve others. Jesus lived his life as an example for us to follow of how to share God's love with others.

A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when somebody did something for you that you were not expecting that blessed or encouraged you?

The other lectionary readings for today are:

Exodus 12 v 1–14

Psalms 116 v 1–2 and 12–19

1 Corinthians 11 v 23–26

A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you that your son Jesus came and lived on the earth as an example for us to follow.

Help us to love and serve others as your son loved and served the world.

Help us to share your love with the world by serving those we meet. May the way we love others speak of your love in the world.

Amen

Family Activity 1

You will need: A bowl of warm water, towels, soap.

Take some time to wash each other's feet – while you are doing it share with one another some of the things that you love most about the person who is having their feet washed.



Family Activity 2

Jesus told his disciples to follow his example. To love each other in the same way that He had loved them.

Play a game of 'follow the leader' taking it in turns to be the leader and have everybody else copy you.

