

Family Devotional

From April 24, 2016

Play: Let each person choose a job or profession to act out. Then, without using words, act out the kinds of things a person with that job would do. See if the group can guess who you are by the way you act. For example, if you choose a fireman you might act out putting on all your equipment, aiming the big hose at the fire or climbing a ladder. Keep acting until someone guess the correct profession. Then that person can go. Do this for as long as your group enjoys or until at least everyone has had a chance to act.

If we were to act out a king or lord what kind of actions would we use?

Read/Reflect: Let's read about an unexpected way our Lord and King Jesus acted. Read John 13: 3-17.

To us washing people's feet might seem like a funny and unnecessary thing to do, but in the days Jesus lived on earth, people's feet would get extremely dirty. Walking was their main form of transportation and their streets were often dusty and dirty. It was customary for a servant to wash the feet of guest as they came to a meal. Who was the servant we read about in the story? Why do you think he did this? Read John 13:31-35.

Think about all the stories you know about Jesus. Washing people's feet was one example of how he loved people. What are some other good examples of how Jesus loved people? (For inspiration read: John 4:7-10, Matthew 8: 1-4, Luke 2:41-51, Luke 18:15-17, Luke 22:42 & John 3:16)

Think about people you know that are a good example of God's love to you. This could be your parents, grandparents, teacher or a neighbor. What kind of things do they say or do to show you they are loving like Jesus?

Make a list of ways you can love others like Jesus this week. (Examples: obeying parents, smiling at others who look sad, sending a card to a family member you don't see often, helping a younger child etc.) Post this list somewhere you can see it each day and ask Jesus to show you how you can love others with his kind of love.

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on John 13:34 this week.

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:
just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."*

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: "Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me and showing me a good example of unconditional love. Help me love others like you love them. Show me who need an extra dose of love this week. Amen."