

## Lesson 3-22-20

**Theme:** Maundy Thursday

**Set-up:** This will be the first of a couple of lessons about Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. For today's lesson, it is Thursday and he gathers with his disciples for a Passover supper. The Gospel of John shares the story of the footwashing (John 13:1-15) that we will focus on for this lesson.

### **Story to Read: From "The Beginner's Bible"**

Jesus and his disciples gathered together for a special Passover meal. Jesus knew he would be leaving them soon. After supper, Jesus removed his outer clothing. He wrapped a towel around his waist, Then, he filled a bowl with water, Jesus washed and dried the disciples' feet, one by one. Then it was Peter's turn. He said to Jesus, "Lord, you should never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "I must wash your feet for you to be part of my kingdom." Then he said to them all, "As I have washed your feet, you must wash each other's feet." By doing this, Jesus showed his friends how to love and serve each other.

### **Activity Ideas:**

1. Wash each others feet! - Talk about how it makes you feel. Washing feet is symbolic of *servicing others*. Make a list of ways you can serve others in your neighborhood or community, now during Coronavirus, or after this is over.
2. Foot tracing - Have the child trace their foot or someone else's in the family. Cut it out and decorate it like a sandal they wore in the time of Jesus. Write the phrase "To be like Jesus you have to serve others"
3. Coloring sheet - The class loves to color, so attached is a coloring sheet of the foot washing that they should enjoy.