

## WEEK 3: Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

**Big Idea:** Jesus shows us how to serve.

### HANGOUT

1. Draw a simple house shape in the middle of a large piece of paper. Lead the kids to brainstorm which jobs and responsibilities are needed to look after a home, family, yard, pets, etc. Write their ideas all around the house shape.
2. Discuss:
  - Who does these jobs in your family?
  - Which tasks do you do or help with? Which ones would you like to learn how to do?
  - Which jobs are the most fun? Which are the least fun?
3. Let the kids know that today you'll be talking about a time when Jesus did a job that nobody else wanted to do. Introduce this week's Big Idea: **Jesus shows us how to serve.**

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at [youtube.com/themeetinghouse](https://youtube.com/themeetinghouse)

### HEAR

4. Look up and read about Jesus washing his disciples' feet in John 13:1-17.
5. Discuss:
  - How did Jesus serve his friends? (washed their feet)
  - Why do you think no one usually wanted to do this job? (feet can be dirty and stinky)
  - Who didn't want Jesus to wash his feet? (Peter)
  - What did Jesus say to Peter in verse 14?
6. Let the kids know that the "washing" Jesus means here is the washing away of our sins that happens when we choose to follow him.
7. Discuss:
  - What did Jesus instruct his disciples to do in verse 14? (follow his example by serving one another)
  - Did anything in this story surprise you?
  - Why do you think Jesus chose foot washing as an example of how he wants us to serve other people?

### HUDDLE

8. Review this month's Key Verses: "Here is my command. Love one another, just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than the one who gives their life for their friends." John 15:12-13 (NIRV).
9. Explain that "giving our life for our friends" means serving others, just like Jesus demonstrated in today's story.

10. Ask the kids to think of one person they could serve this week. It could be in a big way (e.g., taking out the trash at home for a parent) or in a small way (e.g., smiling or saying something kind). Provide paper and drawing supplies. Encourage everyone to write the name of the person they will serve, then draw on and decorate the paper. Suggest that they hold onto it as a reminder to follow Jesus' example and serve others.
11. Pray, "Thank you, Jesus, that you teach us how to live and love like you. We want to ask you to bless the people we're going to serve this week. Please bless [leader says the name of the person they're going to serve]." Prompt the kids to pray, "Please bless [name of their person]." Continue until everyone who would like a chance to pray has had one.

# God Story Comic: John 13:1-17

Draw pictures to show what happened when Jesus washed his disciples feet.

