

Faith at Home Take-Home
For the week of Sunday, November 8, 2009

Theme: Grab a Towel

Memory Verse:

James 5:16 - ". confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

Scripture for the Week: John 13:1-17

Read the above passage out loud. If you have younger children in the family, try using a children's Bible that has the famous "Basin and the Towel" story in it.

Young Children's Activity

While the older children and adults are discussing the following questions – give the younger children some crayons or markers along with a generous piece of paper towel. Have them decorate the towel in the way they would want it to look if Jesus was going to use it to wash their feet.

Discussion:

1. Why were the disciples so shocked to have Jesus wash their feet? What would your response be if you were one of the disciples?
2. What do you believe were Jesus' top two lessons He wished the disciples to learn from the gesture?
3. Which are you more comfortable doing: Washing someone else's feet, or having your feet washed? Do you think this reflects whether you are more comfortable serving or receiving?
4. Do you think it is easier to serve or to be served? Why?

Activity for the Week

Have each person write down 2 ways in which they would like to serve the other/s in the home this week. Also have each person write down 2 ways in which they would like to be served. If there are preschool children in the home, help them to come up with one or two and write them down for them. Share your items with each other and, if you feel comfortable, post them in a readily seen location in your home. Towards the end of the week, get back together and discuss your feelings on your week of serving and being served. Discuss and decide on a service project that you can do together outside the home. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

1. collect food for the local food pantry
2. volunteer for PADS
3. prepare a meal for the senior living alone in your neighborhood
4. babysit for a single parent
5. send "Thinking of You" cards to the people on SPC's prayer list