

Resources & ideas for 'Jesus washes the disciples' feet' (John 13:1-38)

Here are some things you can do at home in addition to listening to Lindsay's lesson online:

Warm-up activity: How do you prefer to show/receive love?

You may be familiar with the toddler book 'How much do I love you' in which the baby rabbit's mum says she loves him to the moon and back. Words can be a very powerful way of expressing love. But so can other ways: Gary Chapman has written a very helpful series of books about the 5 Love languages; this is the quiz from their website for children aged 9-12 so you might want to adapt it for younger children

<https://www.5lovelanguages.com/child-quiz-9-12/>

The idea is to find out which is their preferred way of expressing – and receiving – love. If you aren't talking their 'language' they may not be hearing you! The 5 languages are:

- Gifts
- Physical touch
- Words of affirmation
- Quality time
- Acts of service

I recommend you to try it first, answering as yourself (so you are also more familiar with the questions and can express them in different ways if they don't seem appropriate for your children) and find out what your own preferences are. If yours are different from your child, you may need to work on speaking their language!

The point of this exercise is not just a fun thing to do, but to set the scene for what Jesus is about to do. Ask them what they think is Jesus' primary love language.

Other activities:

1. Colouring
2. Word Search
3. Code message

Answer to Code Words: Water, dried, supper, teacher, towel; Wash one another's feet



"Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my
feet only, but also my hands and my head."
John 13:9

Jesus Washed the Disciples' Feet Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



BASIN

DISCIPLES

DRIED

FEET

ROBE

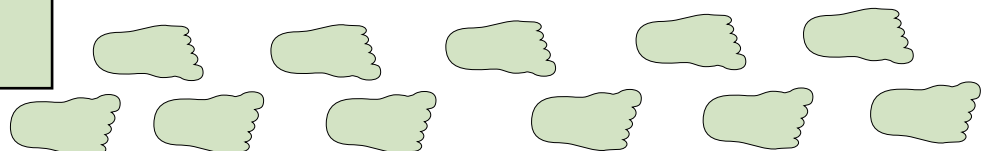
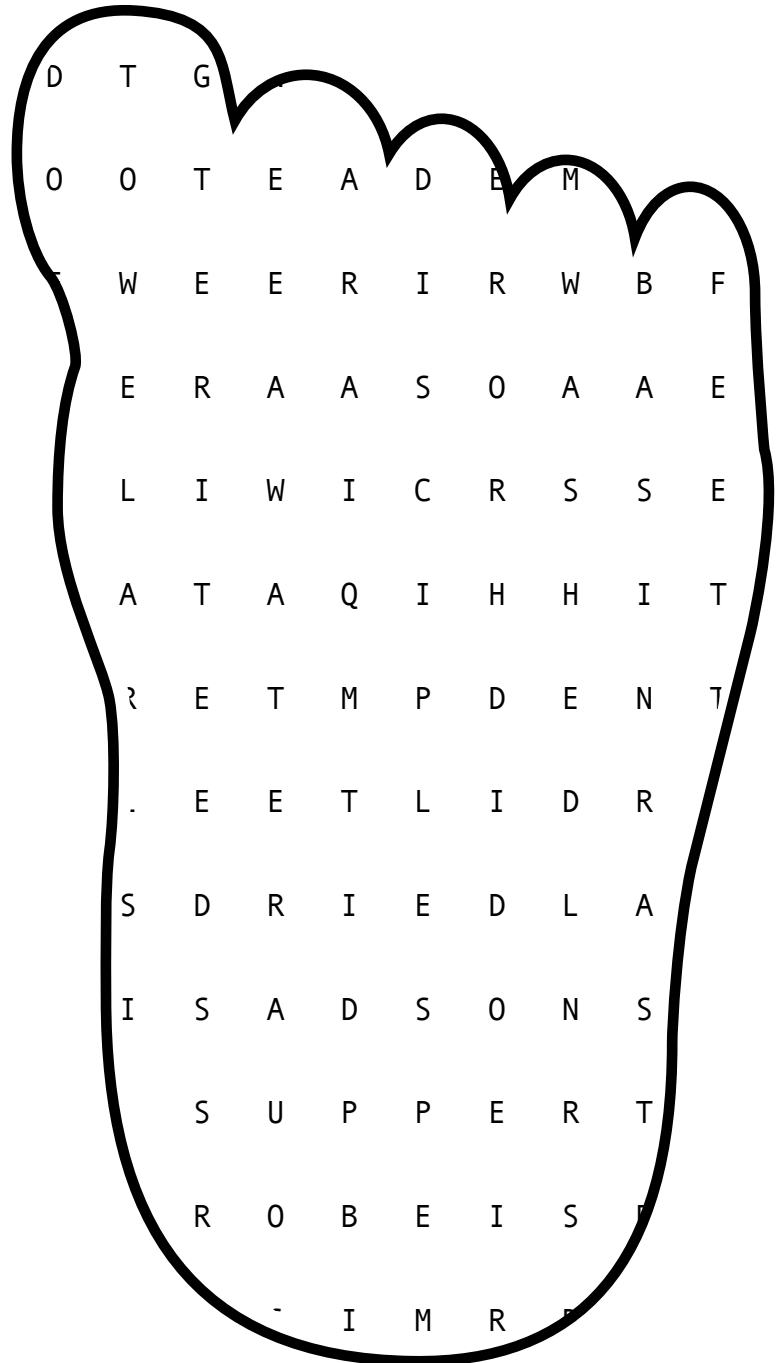
SUPPER

TEACHER

TOWEL

WASHED

WATER



Jesus Washed the Disciples' Feet

Secret Code

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

23 1 20 5 18

4 18 9 5 4

19 21 16 16 5 18

20 5 1 3 8 5 18

20 15 23 5 12

What did Jesus say the disciples ought to do?

23 1 19 8 15 14 5

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1 14 15 20 8 5 18 19 6 5 5 20