

New lesson plans each Sunday

GRACE UNITED METHODIST VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

WELCOME TO
CELEBRATE WONDER

March 7, 2021

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Jesus Washes Feet

Today we are exploring the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. As Jesus and his disciples are having a meal, Jesus does something unexpected. He kneels down and begins to wash the feet of his friends.

This act typically is something done by a servant, so the disciples are surprised. Peter says to Jesus, "No! You will never wash my feet!" This is a strong response. But Jesus, who soon will be led to his death, has a purpose behind his actions. He wants his friends to remember him by his example of serving others.



We, too, can serve like Jesus. This story reminds us of Jesus' life and of whom we are called to be as his disciples. When we participate in this ritual, we remember Jesus and answer his call to follow his example.

You might see this practice as a yucky job and not as something we do today. Try comparing this practice with other acts of service, such as helping a neighbor take out the trash, caring for someone who is sick, or helping a friend clean up a spill. Through this story, you can see that you are serving like Jesus when you do unexpected acts of love.

Spiritual Practice

Jesus wants us to remember to serve and to show God's love to others.

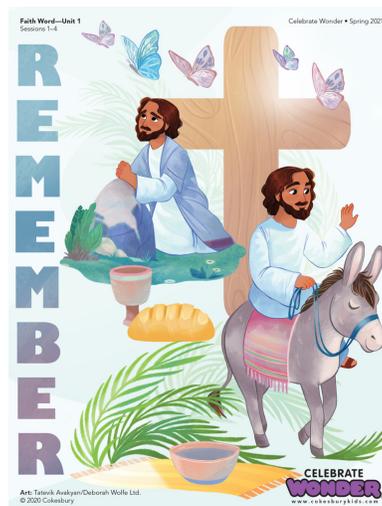
Slowly pour water into an empty bowl. As the bowl fills, remember the ritual of washing feet. Watch how each drop of water fills the bowl.



Have each member of the family share one way she or he will serve and share God's love this week.

Say a prayer of gratitude to those who serve and show God's love.

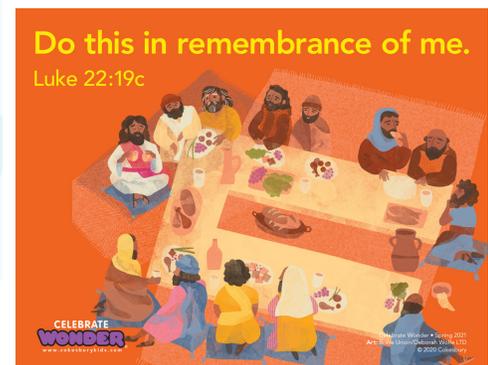
Faith Word



Wonder Question

How can you show God's Love to others?

Do this in remembrance of me.
Luke 22:19c



Although we can't gather together, we can still gather with Christ.

We do miss our church family but the church is WHERE WE ARE!

Jesus Washes Feet

Chalk Color

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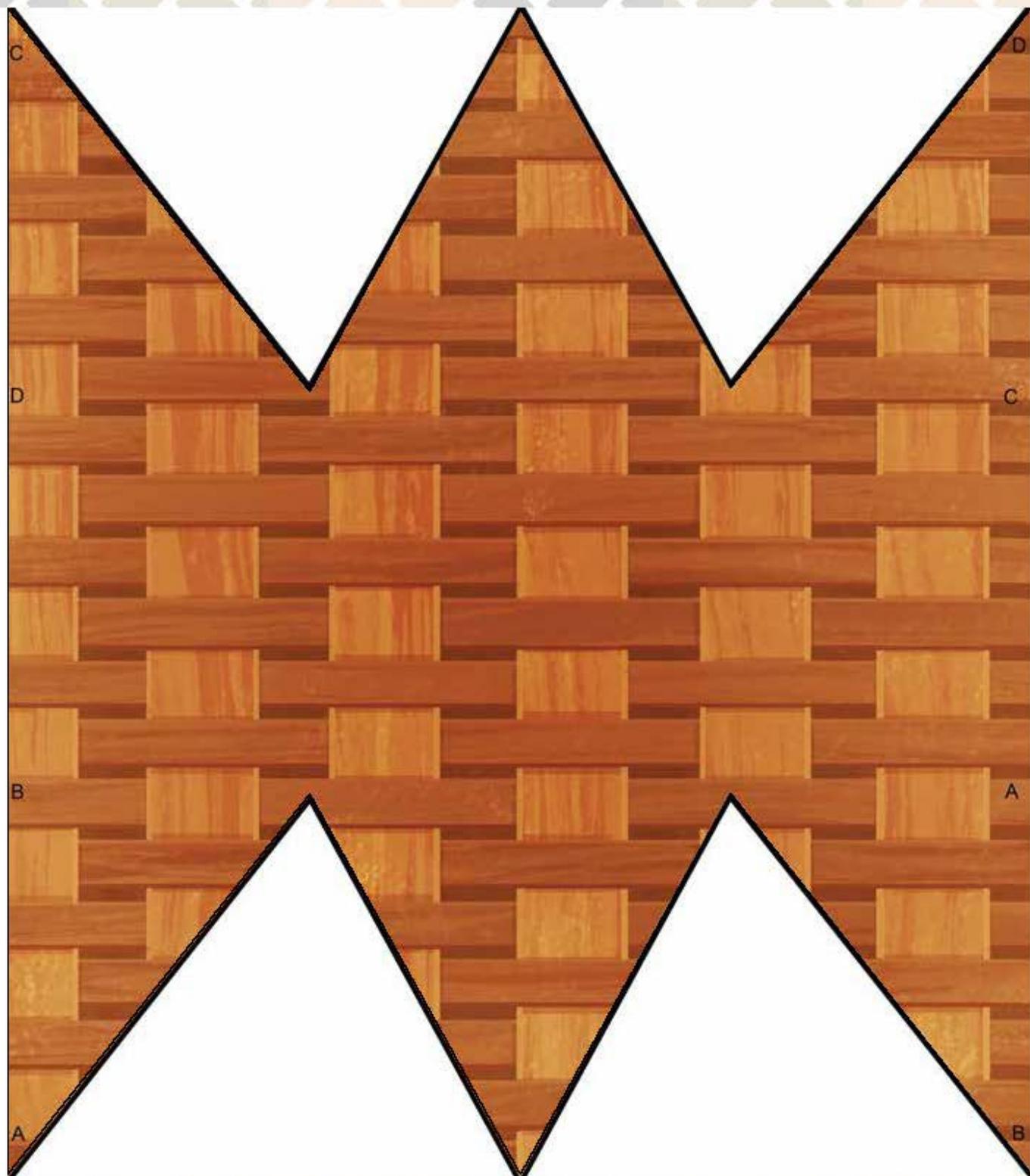
Session 1 • Ages 3-5



Jesus Washes Feet

Woven Bowl

Cut out the bowl, and then follow the directions on the other side of this page to form the bowl.



Place the bowl in front of you with the brown bowl facing down. Bring points A and B toward each other, overlapping the points and keeping the edges even. (Point A will end up at the place marked A, and point B will end up at the place marked B.) Place a piece of tape over the top edge of these flaps to hold them in place.

On the other side of the bowl, repeat this step with points C and D. Fold the two end points that are left sticking out up and over the edge of the bowl, and use a piece of tape on each side to secure the point to the inside of the bowl. The points that are sticking out on each side of the bowl may be folded under and tucked into each end.



Jesus Washes Feet

Remembering Jesus' Love

Assign roles and retell the story. Then reflect on the story by responding to the questions on the following page.

Narrator 1: It was before the Festival of Passover, and Jesus knew that his time had come to leave the world and go to God. He knew that he had come from God and that he was returning to God.

Narrator 2: Jesus and his disciples were sharing a meal together. Judas already had betrayed Jesus. Jesus began preparing to perform an act of love and service for his disciple friends.

Jesus: *(Pantomime tying a towel around waist and pouring water into a washbasin. Then pantomime washing the disciples' feet.)*

Disciples: *(Pantomime having feet washed by Jesus.)*

Narrator 1: The disciple Simon Peter looked concerned.

Simon Peter: Lord, are you going to wash my feet?

Jesus: You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later.

Simon Peter: No! You will never wash my feet!

Jesus: Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me.

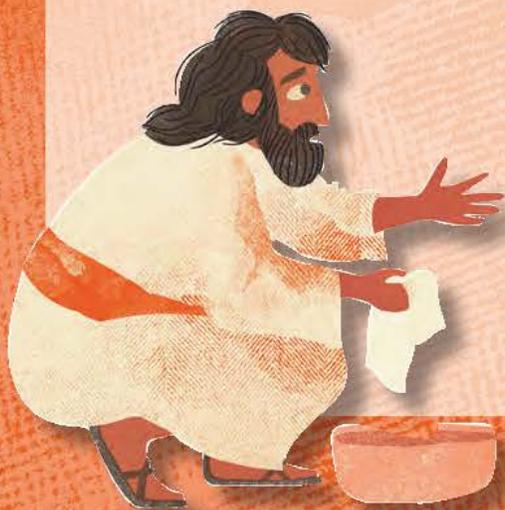
Simon Peter: Lord, then wash my feet, hands, and head!

Jesus: Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you.

Narrator 2: Jesus knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "but not every one of you."

Narrator 1: After Jesus finished washing the disciples' feet, he sat down at the table.

Jesus: Do you know what I've done for you? You call me "Teacher" and "Lord," and this is correct, because I am. I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet. You, too, must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example. You must do as I do. Servants aren't greater than their master. Those who are sent are not greater than the one who sent them. Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.



Follow along in our Bible Story time then roll your wonder cube to answer questions with your family.

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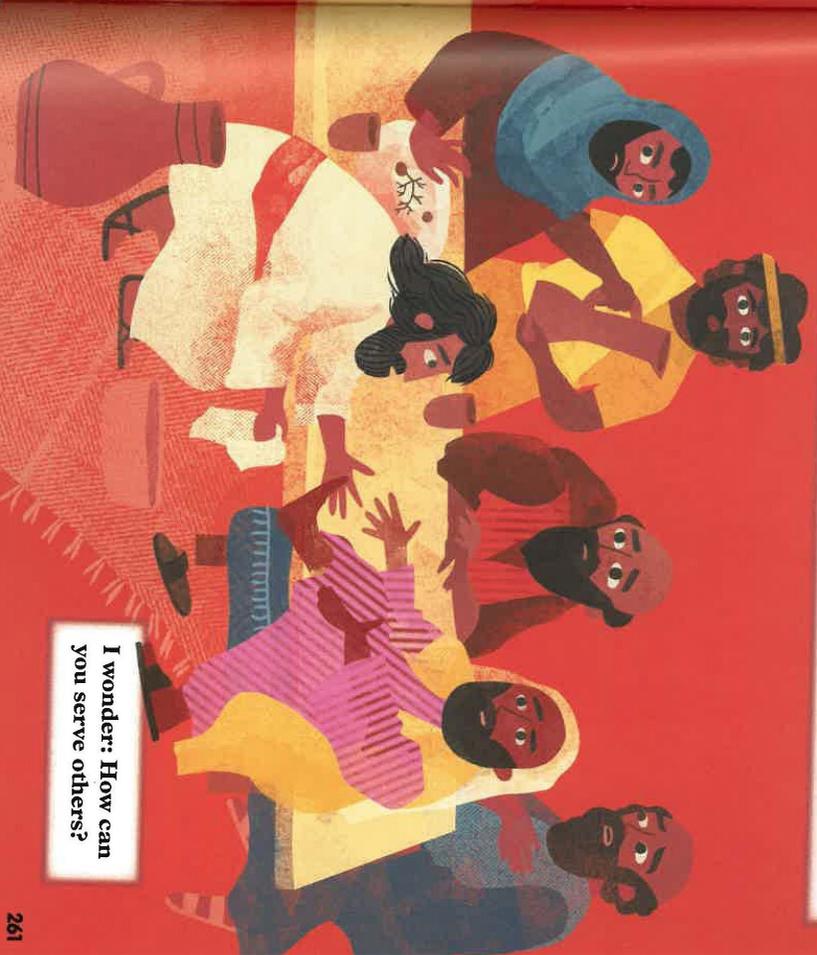
John 13:1-18

Before Passover, Jesus and his friends were having a meal. The friends watched as Jesus got up from the table and tied a towel around his waist. Then Jesus poured water into a big bowl. The friends watched as Jesus began to wash their feet.

“Jesus, what are you doing?” asked Peter. “I don’t want you to wash my feet. It’s the job of a servant to wash feet. It’s not your job. You are our teacher.”



“Peter,” said Jesus, “it is important that I wash your feet.” So, Peter let Jesus wash his dirty feet. When Jesus finished washing everyone’s feet, he asked, “Do you understand why I did the job of a servant and washed your feet? I wanted to show you God’s love,” said Jesus. “I want you to serve others like this.”



I wonder: How can you serve others?

Holy Week Activity Day

Faith Family Club Fun

Sunday, March 28,

Sunday, March 28th is Palm Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week, and the last week of Lent. We invite you and your family to join us after Palm Sunday worship for Crafts and Games in our Grace UMC Backyard. Activities begin at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



We will provide a premade kit of Crafts, and snacks representing each day of Holy Week and planned social distanced outdoor games for Preschool- 5th Grade. Students will be able to join together to Play and Pray with these activities.

We are asking families to share with their children in this special time together and Youth are encouraged to volunteer as extra hands. Some activities can be messy but covers will be provided and there will be no cost to attend.

Registration will be open this week at Gracesiouxcity.org or email our ministry at Christianed@gracesiouxcity.org, of how many kits your children will be needing.

Whether you worship in person or online, we want all members of the church to feel connected within the community with each other. if you would to still register, a take-home kit can be picked up.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Palm Sunday Palm Craft

Easter Week Word Search Puzzle

Jesus Washes Disciples Feet

(Family Activity with Washable Paint,
Walk the Path with Jesus Collage)

Last Supper

Fish Crackers & Grape Juice Box
Snack Together

Jesus in the Garden

Prayer Together

Social Distanced Game

Good Friday

Three Cross Canvas Painting

Holy Saturday

Shadow Game Finding hope

Easter Sunday Take-Home Surprise

AT HOME WEEKLY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Parents Page

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Bourek**



**Tamera
Albert**

The Lenten Season

Our Journey continues into week 3 of Lent. Each week you will receive Lenten Activities in your Sunday School newsletter. If you know someone who would enjoy participating in our Journey please feel free to share.

We are keeping our student's names each day within our prayers and our hearts that they too are finding God in there reflections..

Week 3 Activities:

Meditation Jar

**A Lenten Journey Week 3
MEDITATION JAR**



To make a meditation jar:

- To use the meditation jar: Shake it up! You can do this for as long as you need to shake out any extra energy, anxiety, frustration, or jitters.
- When you ready to set the jar down and breathe deeply as you watch the glitter settle.
- Imagine that the glitter represents your thoughts, words, and actions, and remember that, just like Jesus calmed the storm, Jesus can calm our heart.
- 1. Pour an entire 6 oz container of glitter glue into a clear jar.
- 2. Add any additional glitter, confetti, beads, or other waterproof craft supplies.
- 3. Fill the jar with hot water (not boiling, just hot).
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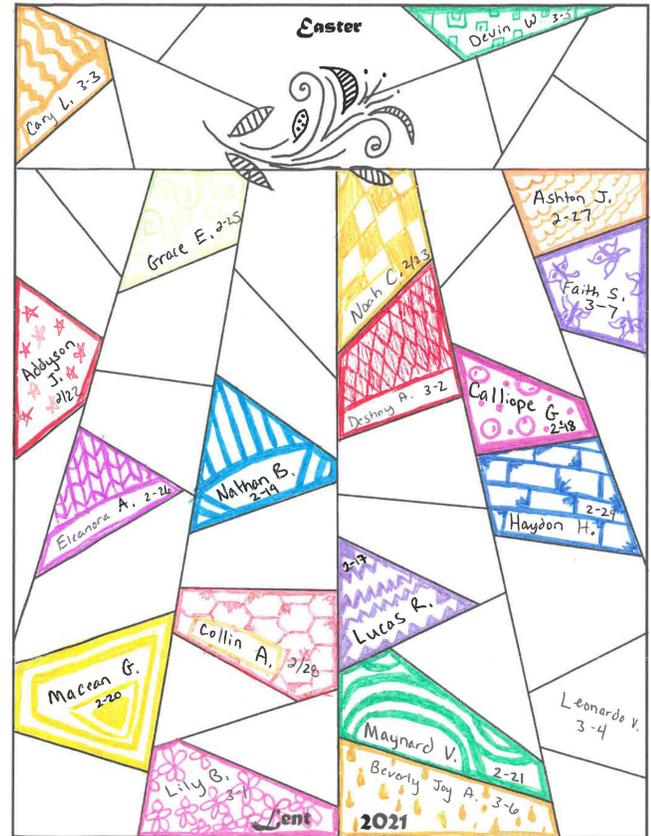
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| <p>Psalm 23 Inhale: I will not be afraid Exhale: for You are with me</p> | <p>2 Corinthians 12:9 Inhale: Your grace Exhale: is enough for me</p> |
| <p>Psalm 46:10 Inhale: Be still Exhale: and know that you are God</p> | <p>Psalm 46:1 Inhale: You are our refuge Exhale: and our strength</p> |
| <p>Psalm 56:3 Inhale: When I am afraid Exhale: I will trust you</p> | <p>Inhale: Come Exhale: Lord Jesus</p> |
| <p>Romans 8:38-39 Inhale: Nothing can separate me Exhale: from God's love</p> | <p>Philippians 4:7 Inhale: Peace of Christ Exhale: guard my heart and mind</p> |



Week 3:

- 3/1 Lilly B.
- 3/2 Destiny A.
- 3/3 Cary L.
- 3/4 Leonardo V.
- 3/5 Devin W.
- 3/6 Beverly Joy A.
- 3/7 Faith S.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-11, 2021 from 5:30 pm- 8:00pm

At Vacation Bible School: Knights of North Castle, kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they go on a quest in search of the King's Armor. They will become Knights and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

Pre-K through 5th Grade students are invited to participate and Youth are invited to volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE

At this time we are planning to meet in person in a small group setting, but are making preparations for a similar program virtually if needed.

Spiritual Practice for Adults

When you shower or take a bath this week, pay attention to your feet or hands.

Wash your feet or hands three times.

As you wash, say the Bible verse, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Think about all the places your feet or hands have been. Rejoice in knowing you have helped serve. You are an example of Jesus.

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