

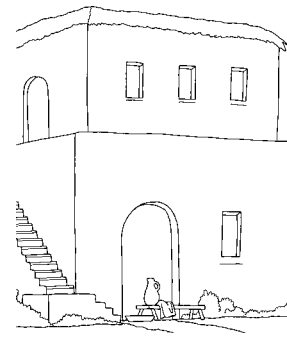
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☆Let's Talk

SAY Jesus and his disciples went to a house to celebrate the Passover meal. When they arrived, there was a basin, a pitcher of water, and a towel at the door.

ASK *Why were these things at the door?*

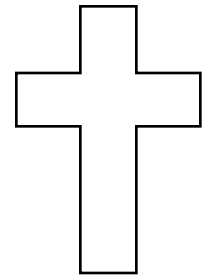
SAY In the time of Jesus, when someone entered a home, water was provided for washing dusty feet. Usually, a servant washed the feet of arriving guests. When Jesus and his disciples arrived, there was no servant to do the work of washing feet.

ASK *What do you think Jesus did?*

SAY Jesus himself washed and dried his disciples' dusty feet. The men were surprised that their Lord would do the work of a servant. Jesus wanted to show them how to serve and he told them they should follow his example. Being great in God's family means humbly helping and serving others.

☆Let's Make and Explore

- 1 Draw the outline of a cross on a large sheet of **poster board**. Let the children color the cross with **brown crayons**. Then **glue** several **brown craft foam pieces** to the cross to make it stand out and appear wooden.
- 2 Tell the children that the greatest way Jesus served his people was coming to earth to be our Savior. Jesus, the Son of God, died on a cross to save us. Since Jesus served us by saving us from our sins, we can be glad to humbly serve one another.
- 3 Explore everyday ways that your children can serve and help others.



☆Let's Rhyme and Show

Stand in a circle. Take turns showing serving actions as you say this rhyme together.

Serving, serving,
Everybody, everywhere.
Serving, serving,
Everybody do your share!

For example, children can show emptying the trash can, scrubbing the sink, sweeping the floor, cleaning the litter box, and so on. Say the rhyme several times so every child has an opportunity to act out one way to serve.