



Lesson Eleven

Jesus Says, “Serve Others”

Heart Preparation & Bible Background

Jesus calls us, by word and deed, to be willing to humble ourselves and serve others. He tells us to forsake power and position and embrace meekness of spirit. He wants us to follow his example, roll up our sleeves and be prepared to do menial tasks for one another.

The disciples argued among themselves over their own rank and status, and James and John asked for positions of prestige in the kingdom of God. But Jesus patiently pointed out that the true nature of greatness lies in servanthood. “If anyone wants to be first,” Jesus said, “he must be the very last, and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35) And in his own life on earth, Jesus gave testimony to this precept.

Jesus is our *Model*: his attitude of humility is an example for us (Philippians 2:5–7). He is our *Motivator*: his love for us prompts us to show love to others (1 John 3:16). He is also our *Mediator*: he freed us to serve God and others by establishing a new covenant in his blood and reconciling us to God (Hebrews 9:14–15). The Holy Spirit enables us to do what Jesus commands by giving us grace to live as servants in his kingdom.

Your young children are gaining independence and want to have tasks to perform. They are also beginning to understand that they are part of the church family. Use this opportunity to show them and teach them what it means to follow Christ’s example and serve others in God’s family.

Pray that God will give you and your children humble, responsive hearts. Ask him to enable you to reach out in service, ready to do the lowliest tasks for the sake of God’s kingdom.



Bible Truth

Jesus humbly serves his followers by washing their feet.

Scripture

Mark 9:33–35

Mark 10:35–45

John 13:1–17



Lesson Focus

Jesus shows us how to humbly serve others.

Goals for the Children

- State that serving others is a way to show love for God.
- Play a game to illustrate serving.
- Plan ways to serve others.



Memory Minute

Review memory work