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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objectives

- Understand that Jesus washed his disciples' feet to show us how to serve and love one another
- Recognize that Jesus asks us to have a kind, giving heart when we serve and help others

Jesus the Servant

Ask: What does it mean to serve others?

- List the children's responses on the board or on chart paper.

Tell the children that God sent his Son, Jesus, to show people how to love.

Work with Words

Hold up an index card with the word serve on it. Invite a volunteer to read aloud the definition.

God's Word

Gather the children around you.

- Tell the children to imagine that they are people in the Bible story along with Jesus. Ask them to imagine what their feet would look like after a very long journey.

- Proclaim "The Washing of the Disciples' Feet."

★ Have the children underline what Jesus did to teach his followers.

Point out the illustration.

- Invite the children to describe what they see happening in the illustration.

Serve Like Jesus

Tell the children that good helpers serve others.

Read aloud the paragraph.

- Point out that good helpers serve with love in their hearts.
- Ask: Why is it important to serve with love in your hearts? **Possible responses: that is what Jesus taught us to do, serving others is showing God's love to others**
- Have the children discuss some ways that people their age can serve others.

Point out the photo.

- Invite the children to tell what they see happening in the photo.

► Music Option: Have the children sing, "Jesu, Jesu," downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity.

- Have the children work independently to draw their pictures.
- Have the children share their drawings with a partner.

Quick Review

Good servers give people what they need. By washing their feet, Jesus taught his followers to take the role of servant.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Identify a disciple as a follower of Jesus who believes in him and lives by his teaching
- Connect serving others with serving God

Disciples of Jesus

Ask: How can you be a follower of Jesus?

- Write the children's responses on the board or on chart paper.

Read aloud both paragraphs.

Work with Words

Hold up an index card with the word *disciple* on it.

- Have the children say *disciple*.
- Read aloud the definition.

Draw a gift box on the board or on chart paper.

- Tell the children that serving others is like giving someone a gift.
- Invite volunteers to suggest "gifts" that they can give by serving.
- Write their suggestions in the box.
- ★ Have the children draw one way someone has helped them.

Serve God and Others

Tell the children to make a grumpy face, and then ask them if that is the way to help others.

- Read aloud both paragraphs.
- Ask the children to show what their faces might look like when they serve others in a loving way.
- Ask the children to tell you when it might be hard to serve others with a smile.

Point out the photo.

- Ask: How are the children serving others?
- Ask: Do you respond with a happy heart when you are asked to set the table?

Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity.

- Read the words in the Word Bank that the children are to search for.
- Give the children time to find the words. Note that some children may find the activity difficult to do and may work better with a partner.

Quick Review

To be a follower of Jesus means to serve others joyfully as Jesus did.

Catechist Tips: Increasing Comprehension

Before you proclaim the Scripture story, set the scene for the children and give them whatever help you can to visualize the story. By taking these two steps, you will increase their comprehension of an unfamiliar situation.

- Studies show that the more background information people are given in advance, the better they will understand a story. The production of mental images also greatly aids comprehension.

Catechist Tips: Picking Partners

Assign partners rather than have the children choose because some of them may not have a close friend. Try pairing the children by lot.

- Use small objects that come in varied colors (marbles, candies). You will need one object per child, two of each color. Put the objects in a bag, and have everyone pick one. The children who pick objects of the same color then pair up.

Catechist Tips: Effective Catechesis

The USCCB's *In Support of Catechetical Ministry* states, ". . . the most effective catechesis is integrated with liturgy, sacraments, and works of justice and charity."

- Allow the children to carry out some of their acts of service from the Live Your Faith feature.

Catechist Tips: Serving Others

Reinforce that we show our love for one another by serving others in small ways. We also want to help the children become more aware of the good deeds they already do for each other. Have the children sit or stand in a circle. Each child takes a turn standing in the middle of the group. Ask the children to think of times each particular child did something to help or serve others. Limit the responses to two until all have had a turn. As each child returns to the circle, have all say, "Thank you, _____, for

serving others!"

Glossary Activity: Disciple

Children this age will be familiar with the game of "Follow the Leader."

- If possible, take the children outside to play the game.
- Point out that, just as the followers in the game depend on the leader not to lead them astray, *disciples* rely on Jesus' teachings to lead faith-filled lives.

Additional Activity: Parish Family

Many people serve the parish.

- Help the children make a list of people who serve during Mass (ushers, greeters, gift bearers, readers, altar servers).
- Ask one person to visit and describe how they serve the parish.

Additional Activity: Following Jesus

Ask the children to stand in a row.

- When you name an action that is a way to follow Jesus, the children should take a big step forward. When you name actions that are not ways to follow Jesus, they should take a step back.

Additional Activity: Community Service

Lead the children in discussing the importance of community service.

- Have the class brainstorm a list of individual professions and volunteer or social services organizations that serve your community.
- Invite the children to make posters promoting the value of community service.

Additional Activity: Act It Out

Have the children choose partners and act out their responses to one of the picture prompts in the last activity.

- Invite the rest of the class to suggest one or two other ways to serve in each situation.

Additional Activity: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Remind the children that the response they will say after the Gospel reading is the same response used when the Gospel is read at Mass.

- This acclamation is an expression of thanks to Jesus for the Good News that he brought to people.
- Invite the group to say the response with enthusiasm.

Additional Activity: Sing about Serving

Lead the children in singing these words about service to the tune of "London Bridge":

- We serve others with a smile, with a smile, with a smile. We serve others with a smile, all day long.
- Invite the children to make up other verses for the class to sing.

