

PAULANN PRESCHOOL

AN AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL TOOL



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JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET

Congratulations! You have made it through one week of quarantine, social distancing, and whatever other preventative measures you may be taking. If no one has told you lately: you are doing a great job...keep going! This week, we will be learning about Jesus washing his disciples' feet. We will be focusing on Jesus' heart of servitude and how we can serve one another during this time. We want to challenge you as parents to this: What might you change in your life this week to better follow Jesus' example of servanthood while modeling this to your children?

Our prayer this week is this, "God, help us to be your servants, especially as we serve the children in our care by..." Right now, serving looks different for us than it ever has before. In order to serve you and equip you to do Sunday school at home, we have created videos, worship songs, and entertainment options for you and your kids to enjoy together.

Our story this week comes from John 13:1-7. We will be posting a video of a staff member sharing this story, but want to give you the tools that help your preschooler understand the significance of this feet washing.

The take home message for this unit leading up to Easter is, "Jesus gives us new life." Additionally, we will be working to memorize John 11:25. Included in this packet are games, activities, coloring pages, and more that are useful for coming alongside you to teach your children.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of us here at PaulAnn Preschool. All of the information, videos, and resources will also be linked to our page through paulann.org/preschool. We hope you enjoy this time of learning and fellowship together.

ACTIVITY OPTIONS

ACTIVITY 1: CLEAN MACHINES

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: WATER, CLEAN CLOTHS, PAPER TOWELS, TUBS OF MILD SOAPY WATER, SPONGES, BROOMS, AND OTHER SAFE CLEANING SUPPLIES

Have your children work together to clean an area of the house. They might wipe low windows and small tables, dust shelves, or sweep an area of the floor. Encourage children to take turns using the different supplies. Explain that in today's Bible story they'll hear how Jesus served his friends in a helpful way. Tell the children that they are helping you and one another right now by cleaning the house.

ACTIVITY 2: SERVICE WITH A SMILE

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: TABLECLOTH, PLACE SETTINGS, PLAY FOOD, PLASTIC DISHES, TRAY, NOTEPADS, AND PENS

Set up an area of your house to look like a restaurant. Cover a small table with a tablecloth, and set chairs around this. Set out place settings. Place a tub of play food, plastic serving dishes, and a tray near the table. Have the children take turns being diners and food servers. The servers can have small notepads and pens to take orders. Then let the servers "cook" the food and bring it to the diners on trays. As children play, encourage the diners to talk about how it feels to be served. Encourage the servers to talk about how it feels to serve someone else. Tell them that in today's Bible story, they'll learn how Jesus served his disciples.

ACTIVITY 3: FOLLOWING THE LIGHT

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: FLASHLIGHT

Reinforce the idea that Jesus wants us to follow him by having the children follow a flashlight beam around the room. As you shine the beam into different parts of the room, make sure to allow enough time for children to reach the light before you move it again. As you play, talk about how Jesus washed the disciples' feet because he wanted to show them how to follow him. Encourage the children to have fun as they practice following.

ACTIVITY 4: FANCY FOOT WASHING

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: MARKERS, PAPER TOWEL

Have children off their shoes and socks. Set out washable markers. Encourage the children to use the washable markers to draw little faces or designs on one another's toes. (You might want to test the washable markers to make sure they really are washable.) Then give each child a wet paper towel, and have children wash one another's feet, cleaning off the marker. Remind the children of how Jesus washed the disciples' feet, and encourage them to share things they learned during today's Bible story.

CRAFT IDEAS

CRAFT 1: SUDS IN THE BUCKET

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: ATTACHED COLORING PAGE, MARKERS OR CRAYONS, SNACK-SIZED ZIPLOCK, TAPE, DISH OR HAND SOAP, BLUE FOOD COLORING (OPTIONAL)

Print out the attached coloring page that includes a picture of one disciple getting his feet washed. Allow children to color this page with either crayons or markers. When children have completed the page, help them put a small amount of hand or dish soap into a snack-sized ziplock baggie. Make sure the baggie is tightly sealed. Tape the baggie to the space indicated on the coloring sheet. Allow children to "wash" the feet of the disciple they colored. Review the story of Jesus serving his disciples by washing their feet. An instructional video can be found on our YouTube page.

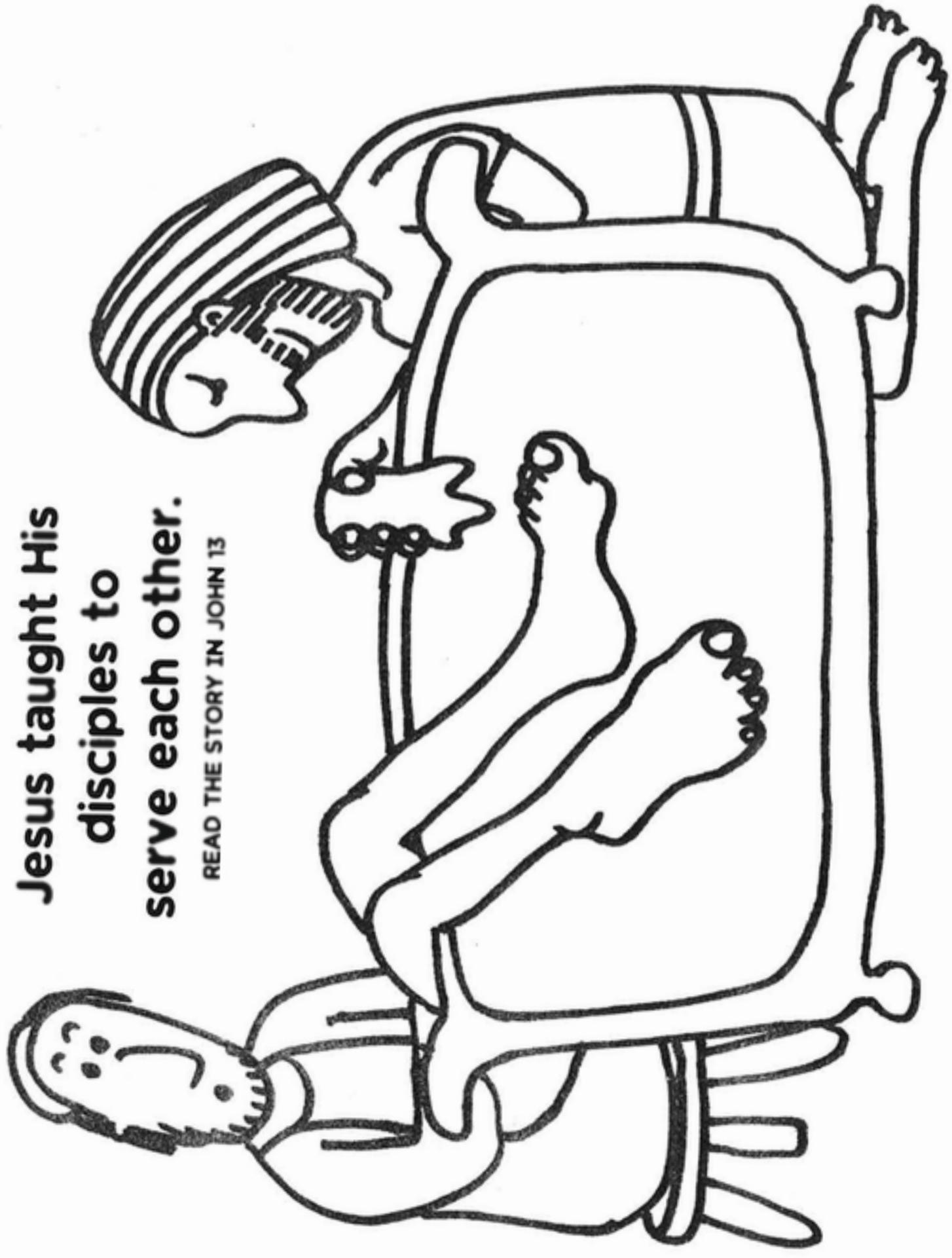
CRAFT 2: "TODAY I LEARNED..."

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: ATTACHED WORKSHEET, MARKERS OR CRAYONS

Print out the attached document titled "Today I learned..." Allow children to color the picture of Jesus washing the disciples feet. Assist them in coloring while reviewing the story. You can also ask your children the questions provided for deeper exploration of the story. Use this document as a tool for learning, diving into Scripture, and as a reminder to serve one another.

**Jesus taught His
disciples to
serve each other.**

READ THE STORY IN JOHN 13



Today i learned... Jesus gives us new life.

Lesson 4
Today your child learned that we serve Jesus because **JESUS GIVES US NEW LIFE.** The children heard how Jesus showed his disciples how to serve others. They talked about ways they can be servants for Jesus by following his example.

Help me learn this:

Believing in Jesus makes me a new person (adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:17).

Ask me:

- Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet?
- What are ways our family can help others?
- How can our family serve one another in our own home?

Family Fun

- Have a lawn-care party in your neighborhood. As a family, work together as servants to help a family in your neighborhood care for their lawn. You might help an elderly couple or a family with very little time to spare. Work together, making sure everyone has a special job to do, such as planting and watering flowers, raking leaves, putting leaves in a bag, picking up sticks from the yard, or mowing the lawn. Even the youngest family members can use sidewalk chalk to create beautiful pictures on the neighbors' sidewalk or driveway. By being servants in your neighborhood and telling others through your actions, you show your gratitude to God that Jesus gives new life.

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17)

