



Faith@Home Resource Week 2: SERVE-Helping Others

*Worship ***Serve** *Play *Read *Love *Create *Pray *Talk *Sing *Eat

44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” Acts 2:44-47

The early church began as one people who did everything together. This summer Our Savior’s Way and Open Arms are celebrating that core idea of “together” - how being together in Christ influences who we are as children of God, created for Christian community.

Start each week in worship together as a family - your family and friends. Our church family. **This ‘At Home or On the Go’ Resource packet** will give you some weekly theme ideas for you to continue the *TOGETHER* faith experience with family or friends. No matter where you are **this summer. Use the “Together Tracker”** to help you go for **3 weekly goals: To do the “One Big Thing” Suggestion, to Take Jesus with you** and have fun with the Flat Jesus Challenge, and to do at least one more idea, activity or servant project on the theme. Use an idea from the packet or something of your own!

THE ONE BIG THING: *If you have time for only ONE way to follow up on the “SERVE-Helping Others” theme this week :*

- ✓ DO AN ACT OF SERVICE FOR SOMEONE

Where will you take Jesus with you this week? *Take a picture of ‘Flat Jesus’ and Tweet in to #flatjesusoswlc or post to our Facebook page @oswlc.org* Bring Jesus to your dinner. Take him to the pool. Take a picture of Him with your dusty feet, a bowl of water and a towel. Photograph him with a little towel and bowl and add a comment on serving to your post.

Home Scripture Reference for “SERVE”: John 13:1-17 - Jesus washes the Disciples’ Feet

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” 7 Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” 8 Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” 9 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” 10 Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” 12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Video Links: <https://www.bible.com/videos/66-the-last-supper-from-lumoproject-dot-com> (Actors-older viewers)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyxCrgOFYQ> (children’s animated video)

Key Point/Summary: When Jesus washed the disciples’ feet, He showed them how much he loved them, and modeled for them that they should be willing to serve others. There should be no question that Jesus calls his followers to serve. (See also-Galatians 5:13b-14; Luke 22:26b-27; Philippians 2:5-7) Jesus showed His love by serving His disciples. He healed, fed, taught and cared for all people, especially those that were weak, sinful and in need. He cared for them physically and spiritually. He wants us to follow His example by loving others through serving. God uses us to serve others so they can know His love, too! Jesus was the ultimate servant. Though he was God himself, he took the position of a slave to serve us even to His own death on the cross to provide the only possible way we can have a relationship with God that brings us eternal life!

Conversation Together:

- What are some ways you can help others?
- Jesus served the disciples when he washed their feet. What does it mean to serve?
- Why do you think Jesus washed their feet?

- Foot washing is also a symbol of doing a lowly task to serve someone you love. What lowly task can you do to serve someone you love?
- What would be the most difficult part for you to have Jesus wash your feet?
- How does this remind you of Baptism?
- What do you think modern day foot washing would look like?
- What is a menial task that Jesus might do today to show what true service is?
- What will you do this week to follow Jesus' example?
- What it would be like if everyone in the world used their gifts in service to someone else?

Prayer for SERVE Together: Generous God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us. We know that all we have received is from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to serve and care for others and for our world. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message of love to those we serve. May we bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives every day. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen

Memory Verse: *Try memorizing Scripture as a family to help you keep God's Word in your hearts*

"For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you." John 13:15

- **Games to help you remember:** Make at least 6 foot prints. Trace your own family feet, if desired. Write sections of the verse on each foot, including the reference. Mix them up or hide them around the house and then put them in order. Place them on the ground and walk along them as you repeat the verse. Place them in order, and then remove one and have someone guess the missing part.

Other activities and Resources:

- You Made Me Smile activity: When someone in your family, neighborhood, at a store or wherever, does something that makes you smile, give them one of your "Smiley" faces, and tell them "Thank you! You made me smile! Add a note or a name if you wish.
- Trace around your bare feet with heels together and toes pointed outward. Trace around the pair to give you a heart shape. Add a verse or the words "Jesus Teaches Me to Serve". Adventurous? Do your footprints in paint. Then wash each other's feet too!
- Make a foot washing kit: For this week, set aside a bowl, sponge soap, and cloth (optional-lotion). Each evening, have a different person wash the feet of another. Talk about this week's story. Tell that person how much you love them.
- With young children, help them wash the feet of a doll and to act out and talk about the Bible passage and serving others.
- Make a favorite meal together. Share the workload. Serve food to the person next to you T
- Take 60 seconds and brainstorm ways you can serve this week.
- Family ideas for caring:
 - Think of a way to secretly serve another family member today
 - Offer to do a job at school, home or work that no one wants to do
 - Make a list of people who need a kind word - and give it.
 - Set an alarm on your phone. When it rings, do something kind for someone
 - Make a Sharing Basket: In a large basket, place groceries, gently used toys or other things no longer needed. When it is full, as a family take them to a ministry that serves people in need. OSW can take the food to Loudoun Hunger Relief.
- Teen Serving ideas. (find more on links in "Resources" here or online at oswlc.org)
 - Send an uplifting note to someone in your class to help encourage them.
 - Find a family with young children and volunteer to babysit for them.
 - Clean the bathroom in your house as a way to serve your parents.
 - Get a group together to flash mob mow your neighbor's lawn (with permission of course).

Other Resources (Links): You can easily access these and other ideas online at www.oswlc.org. Click on the "Together" header

- <http://oswlc.org/act/social-ministries> Ongoing community serving projects through our Social Ministry team
- <http://oswlc.org/care/health-hope> Caring projects through our Parish Nurse team
- http://www.janetschaeffler.com/Family_Ideas_for_Outreach_and_Caring.pdf
- <https://www.teenlife.com/blogs/50-community-service-ideas-teen-volunteers>
- <https://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?nid=647> (Loudoun County service opportunities at animal shelter)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEjWVK9Gguc> (Contemporary Sermonette and visuals)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmtAMUJfFkk> (children's animated classic)

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