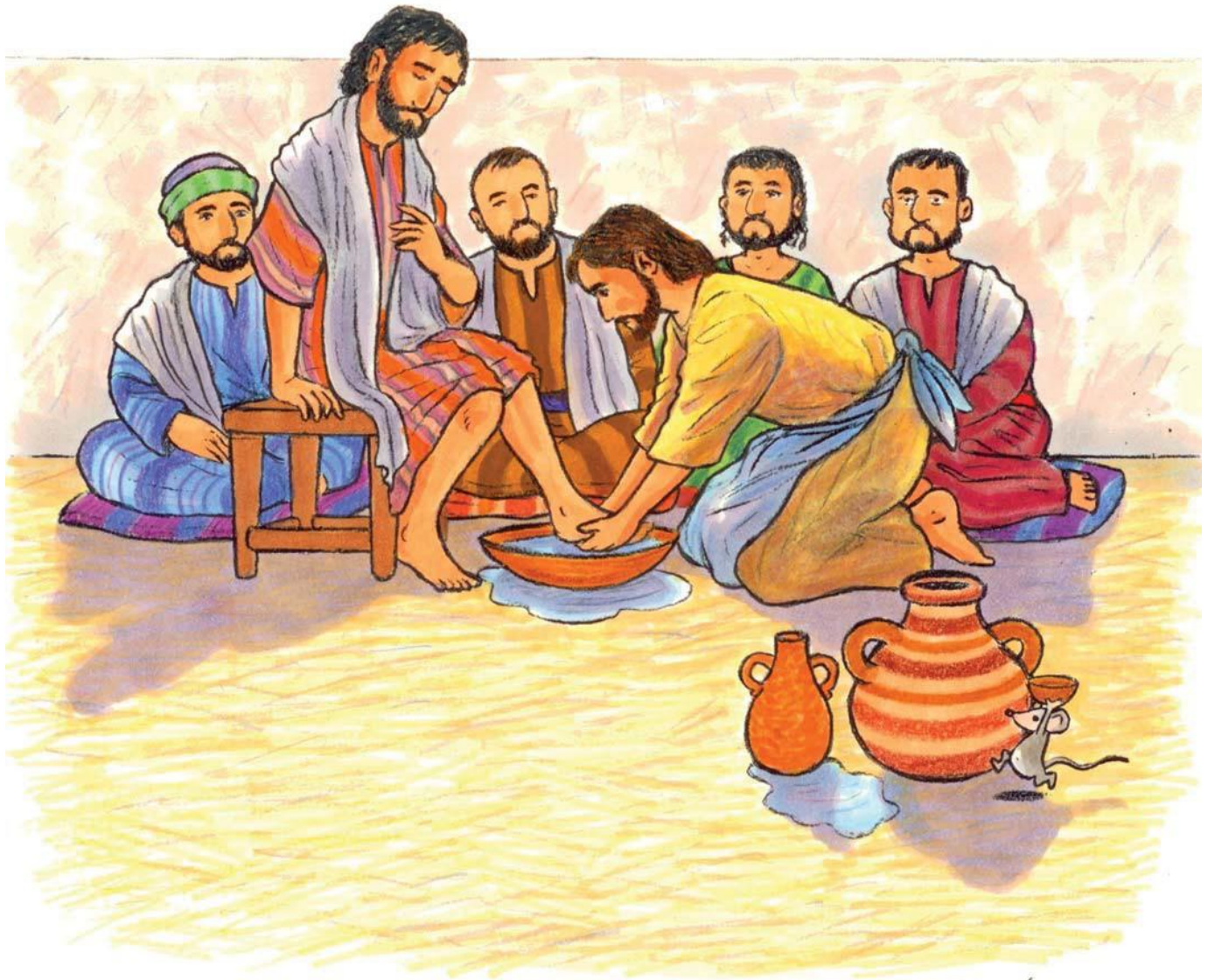


DISCIPLES' FEET WASHED

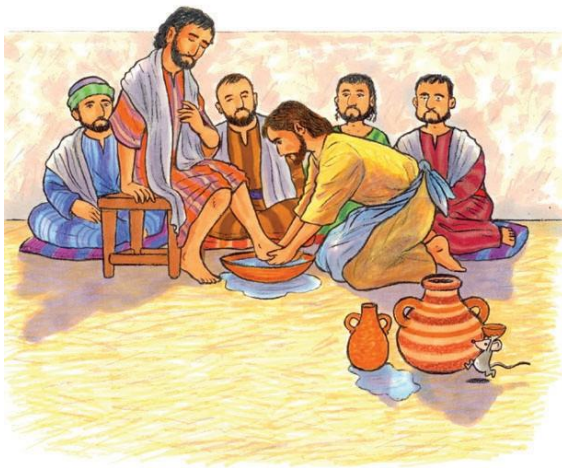
John 13:1-8; 11-17



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Message	Jesus wants us to serve in humbleness and love.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ How humble the Lord Jesus was and how much He cared for His disciples.■ The disciples were encouraged to follow His example.■ We should also follow His example.
Bible Text	John 13:1-8; 11–17

The Disciples' Feet Washed



It was just before Passover. Jesus knew that He would have to leave this world and return to His Father.

During supper, Jesus stood up, took off His robe, and wrapped a towel around Himself.

Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet. He dried their feet with His towel. When it was Peter's turn, Peter asked, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not understand what I am doing. But later you will understand."

Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Then Peter said, "Lord, then wash not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus said, "He who is washed only needs to wash his feet so that he is completely clean." He added, "All of you except for one are clean." Jesus knew that one of His disciples would betray Him.

He put His garments back on then said to His disciples,
"Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Master and Lord, and that is rightly so.

If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet then you also should wash one another's feet. I have given you an example so that you should do as I have done to you."

The Disciples' Feet Washed

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, a vessel with water...

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Do you think a king would ever clean the shoes of a beggar?
- Why does Jesus wash the disciples' feet?
(It is an example of how to serve one another in humbleness.)
- Describe Peter's reaction. (Initially he does not want Jesus to wash his feet.)
- What does he say after Jesus has explained to him what he had just done?
(Lord wash not only my feet but also my hands and my head)

Have the children repeat...

- The Lord Jesus was humble. He cared for His disciples.
- Jesus encouraged the disciples to follow His example.
- We should also follow His example.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus said, "A servant is not greater than his master."
- What does it mean to do something with a humble and loving heart?
(We must help and love one another / we should serve one another / we should humbly esteem one another more than ourselves etc.)

Repeat the Message

Jesus wants us to serve in humbleness and love.