

LESSON 4 SNAPSHOT

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SUMMARY: In his last time with his disciples before his death, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and encouraged them to serve others just as he had served them. Then Jesus shared a meal with them, asking them to remember him each time they ate the bread and drank the cup together.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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Amen (Amen)

SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 AND 2 YEAR OLDS:

PLAY TIME: Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

BIBLE TIME: Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

LESSON: Jesus loves us (make a heart with your hands) and He wants us to love others (point at each person). He loved His disciples so He washed their feet (point at your feet). He also fed them (pretend you're eating) and prepared them for what was coming (act surprised).

MAKE IT REAL: After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

PRAYER TIME: Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

SNACK TIME: Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

POTTY BREAK: After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

PLAY TIME: Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.

MEMORY VERSE

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LARGE GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Say the verse together as a group. Then, say the verse while skipping around in circles. Next, say the verse by running in place. End the activity by saying the verse together again.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Have everyone stand and move around to “loosen up” a minute. Put your hands together in front of you like your holding a book and say, “But here is how God has shown” (look up to the sky and say) “his love for us.” Put your hands on your hips and with an angry face say, “While we were still sinners,” (smile, look up again and say) “Christ died for us.”

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: LOVING OTHERS

ITEMS NEEDED: Backpacks

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: Two boys, brothers

CHARACTERS: Brady and Ben

Brady and Ben walk in with backpacks, walking home from school.

BEN: Why? Why did you do it?

BRADY: Do what?

BEN: You know what!

BRADY: No, I don't. That's why I asked.

BEN: Don't play dumb! You gave your extra bag of chips to Shayla on the bus. Then, you helped Ms. Rose clean up the cafeteria. THEN, as if that wasn't enough, you agree to help Trevor Malloy with his homework. TREVOR MALLOY!!! The boy who always cuts in line at lunch, makes fun of people, and never does his homework!

BRADY: What's your point?

BEN: What's my point? Well, I get being nice to Shayla and Ms. Rose, but Trevor?

BRADY: Didn't you listen to this week's sermon? Jesus taught us to love others, even when they might not deserve it. He washed the feet of His disciples and one was about to betray Him to the people who killed Him.

BEN: Oh yeah.

BRADY: Trevor may not be my favorite person, but he hasn't betrayed me in a way that would get me killed.

BEN: But what if he has?

BRADY: Really?

BEN: Why do we have to be nice?

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BRADY: Because that's what God wants us to do!

BEN: I know, but some days it's just so hard!

BRADY: But look who Jesus loved. He loved everyone. Even the ones who were horrible to Him.

BEN: But can't we love people from far away? Like, smile in the hallways or wave in the cafeteria.

BRADY: We can do those things, but we also need to show them love like Jesus did. Jesus loved when it was the hardest to love. And because of that, He changed lives.

BEN: True. I just hope no one gets the wrong idea.

BRADY: About what?

BEN: Well, if I'm nice to someone like Margo Spencer, she will think I like her. Like, really like her. Like a boyfriend/girlfriend like and I can't handle that right now.

BRADY: (Laughing) Well, start small. We wouldn't want you to end up with an accidental girlfriend!

BEN: Exactly!

CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED: Socks, miniature bottles of soap, shampoo, lotion, etc. Paper or cards for kids to sign.

ADVANCED PREPARATION: None

DIRECTIONS: Give each child a sock and have them fill it with the items you have. Have them make a card for it as well. Then, have them give it to someone that could use encouragement. Explain that Jesus washed His disciples' feet so this would be giving something for someone's feet to show His love.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED:

Paper towels, plain pen, clear cups with water, red marker

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Draw a heart on enough pieces of paper towel that each child can have one. Then, draw a few smaller hearts just above the larger heart.

DIRECTIONS: Give each child a paper towel piece with hearts. Have each child color the larger heart with the red marker but leave the small hearts as they are. Talk about God's love and how there's enough for everyone and how we can help share God's love with others. Then, have them carefully put the paper towel piece in the water until the red heart is covered. Then, have them remove the paper towel and see how the red marker spreads to the smaller hearts. Explain that when we have God's love in our hearts, it spreads to everyone around us.

SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED: Something you can cut into little pieces, such as a big cookie, a pan of brownies, or a bunch of grapes.

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: "Today's snack is cookies or brownies or grapes. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."

CONNECTION: Explain that the item represents God's love. As you cut smaller pieces to share with everyone, explain that God wants to share His love with everyone.

MAIN LESSON

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WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's lesson comes from the New Testament (hold up a Bible). The Bible is God's Word so we know everything in it is true.

Jesus knew He would soon be going back to Heaven. He wanted to make sure His disciples understood His message. They were all together for dinner and Jesus began preparations to wash their feet. They didn't understand why.

Jesus wanted to show His disciples the importance of loving and serving others. Back then, they walked everywhere, so their feet would have been extremely dirty after a long day. They didn't have indoor plumbing or showers where they could jump in and clean off. Jesus' act of love was to show the disciples how they should treat others.

Later, Jesus and His disciples were together to share the Passover meal together. He served them food and drink and explained that it represented His body and blood. He also told them that one of them would soon betray Him. They were surprised and confused and started talking with each other about who it could be.

Jesus, God's son, served food and washed the feet of someone He knew would betray Him. That's unconditional love. God will help us love others like Jesus.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER: Lead the class in jumping jacks and running in place.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Have everyone stand and move around to “loosen up” a minute. Put your hands together in front of you like your holding a book and say, “But here is how God has shown” (look up to the sky and say) “his love for us.” Put your hands on your hips and with an angry face say, “While we were still sinners,” (smile, look up again and say) “Christ died for us.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What did Jesus wash?

What meal did Jesus serve the disciples?

Why did Jesus do these things?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:

Sing “Jesus Loves Me” with the class, then discuss ways to show love to others.

MAKE IT STICK

COUNTDOWN TO EASTER LESSON 4

4 SIMPLE WAYS
YOU CAN MAKE
THIS LESSON STICK
WITH YOUR KIDS

THIS WEEK'S LESSON:

Use these four common times in a preschooler's day to reinforce this week's lesson:



DRIVING:

On the drive home, ask your child what they learned in class. Ask them how they can show God's love to others.



PLAYING:

When playing, do kind things as an example of God's love.



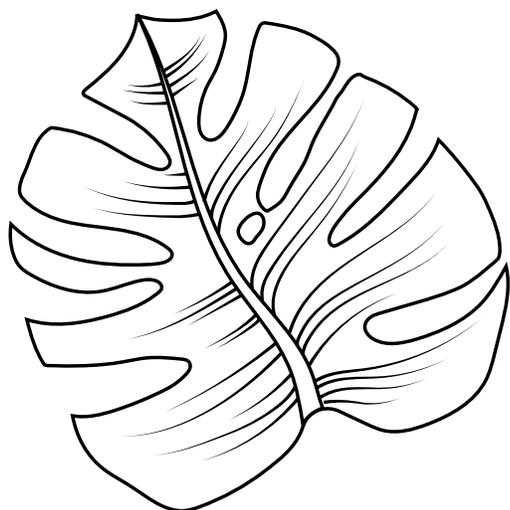
EATING:

When praying for your food, thank God for His love.

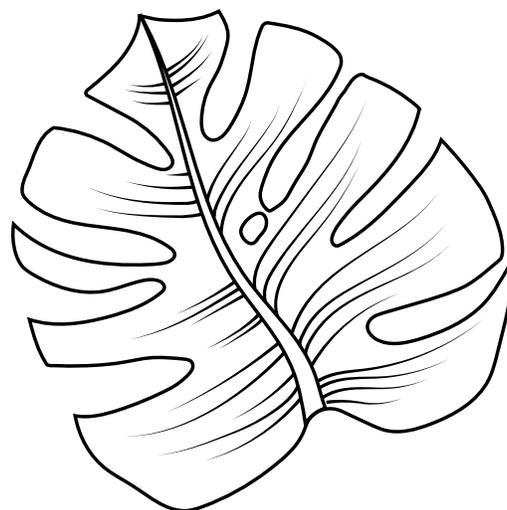


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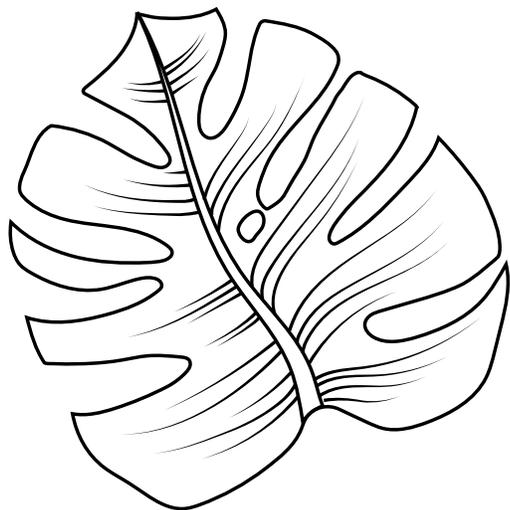
Snuggle up and say the memory verse, "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NirV)
Tell them Jesus loves us.



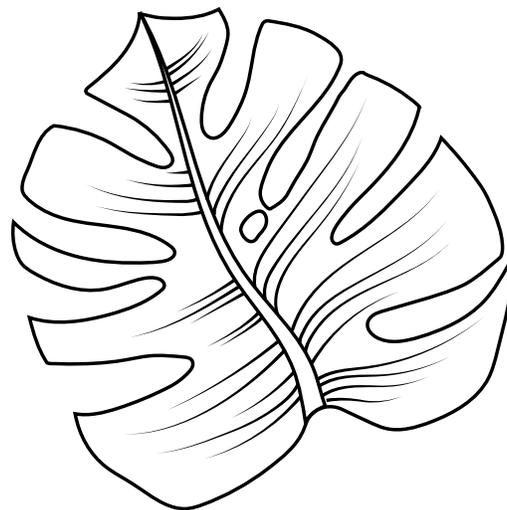
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