

BPA Family Engage Time Our story today: Maundy Thursday

Welcome to Family Engage Time. We hope that you will enjoy be able to read these Bible stories with your family and have some time reflecting together on what we can learn from them.

Today's story is part of the bigger Easter story. It is about the day that Jesus ate the last supper. You can find the story in a Beginner's Bible on p.442 on in an adult Bible in Matthew chapter 26 verses 17-30. You can watch a child friendly version of the story here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SigoALSSIR8

Listen and Reflect

Why did Jesus wash his disciple's feet at the Last Supper?

I wonder what they were thinking. What would you be thinking if you were at the Last Supper with Jesus? Would you be shocked? Angry? Maybe you would be confused?

Do you think Jesus's disciples were expecting him to wash their feet? He did it to show that he was there to serve them. Can you think of a time when someone has done something nice for you when you weren't expecting it? What did they do?

If you're feeling bored this week...

Create this story out of lego or any other building materials you might have.

Spread joy, not germs! Lots of people are having to stay at home a lot at the moment, especially people who are old or ill. They might be feeling lonely or sad or frightened. They would love to get a cheerful picture, card or message from you to remind them they are not alone. Ask your grown-ups to help you think of people you could send things to.

Join in!

Act it out

Re-enact the Last Supper with your family. If they let you, wash their feet for them. Let's hope they're not too smelly!

Follow the Leader

Jesus showed he was a good leader by washing the disciple's feet. With your family, play a game of follow the leader taking it in turns to copy one another.

A prayer to say

Dear God,

Thank you that your son Jesus came and lived on this earth as an example to those who follow him.

Help us to love and serve others as your son loved and served the world.

Help us to share your love with those who we meet and who might need it at this tricky time. Help us to think how we might serve people in the community while they are in isolation.

Amen.