

3.14.3 CALLED TO BE FEETWASHERS

Unit Focus: Students study the Scriptural foundations of the Christian concept of servant leadership (witnessed in the actions of Moses and Jesus). As school leaders students are encouraged to apply these Christian ideals in their lives.

Lesson Focus/Aim: Students will understand the significance of Jesus as a footwasher and apply it to themselves as school leaders.

Students are challenged to:

- Act responsibly in response to God's call.
- Relate messages from the Sacred Scripture to daily life.

In class: Students have discussed the concept of a footwasher as a leader who leads by the example of serving.

Family supplement activity: As a family decide upon a project that you can support over the next year (perhaps St Vincent de Paul - donate money, clothes, non-perishable food or a gift at Christmas to one of the many appeals). You may already do something like this, so use this opportunity to reinforce to your children why you do it.

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This week in SRE, we have been looking at the concept of "footwasher" and leadership by serving others (as families model for their children from the minute they are born). The lesson has been built around the following passage from John's Gospel.

Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet (John 13:3-14)

And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand".

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him: for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."



Family Supplement:

This week as your family gathers for your evening meal, pray together thanking God for those who provided and prepared the food on your table and asking God to bless it. Ask your children to be mindful of other children in our own community who do not have enough to eat or who do not enjoy a just lifestyle.

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