



Open Up Easter

Day 4 – Jesus washes his disciples' feet



Start the day with praise!

A song to sing to start the day:

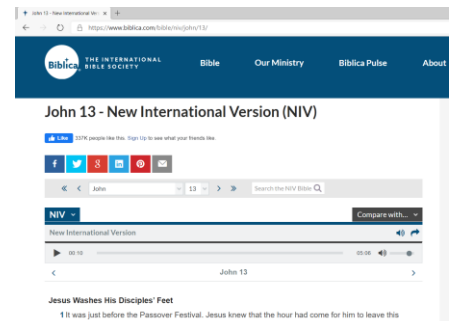
Brand new day https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQ0_IOMuxgY

Bible Reading

John 13:1-16 New International Version (NIV)

You can find this at <https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/john/13/>

You can choose to have it read to you
(press audio icon at the top of the page)



Story

Jesus and his friends needed their feet washed before the meal. This is a normal part of their culture. Normally a servant would do this. But there was no servant, and no one had offered. Jesus showed how much he loved them by washing their feet. He explained to Peter, that he cannot be Jesus friend unless Peter accepts that Jesus wash his feet, which is really just a picture of what Jesus was soon to do for Peter (and all who believe in Him) that he would die on the cross to wash our hearts. Jesus was also showing that to lead is to serve and to love others.

Learning

Jesus was using the example of washing the disciples' feet to help them understand what he was about to do by dying on the cross. He was helping them understand that they are unclean, and they need Jesus to clean them. They cannot clean themselves! They can only be clean by accepting Jesus humbling himself for them and dying in their place. That is so much more humbling than just washing their feet!

Jesus was also showing that true love is to put others first. He showed this by doing the work of a servant – washing his friends' feet. He showed them that true leadership is to serve others, and true love is to think of others as better than yourself.

We can be so thankful that Jesus did so much more than wash our feet. He died for us that all our wrongdoing against God can be forgiven and we can have not clean feet but a clean heart and be God's friend forever! Are you willing for Jesus to wash your heart?

And he said to them – “Now that you know these things, **you will be blessed if you do them.**” We can also follow his example by loving those around us and putting them first.

Song

Today's songs are the following – you can sing along with the links.

Love one another <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2uECL8IsKY>

I love you Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKMxvt9wxaU&list=PLMxQfqk4FnSy048szsz4GBi7BG4FKYk-C&index=2>

Cross Craft

Find a rag cloth and cut out a small piece to be a tiny towel. Draw a bowl on Day 4 and stick the towel next to the bowl.

More Ideas!

Take your shoes and socks off and draw around your foot.

In your footprint, on the toes write 'Wash me clean' as a prayer to Jesus, to make you clean on the inside.

On the rest of the foot, write some ways in which you can follow Jesus' example, by loving people around you e.g you can help clean your room, or write a card to someone, or try and say something encouraging to everyone in your family.

Stick the footprint by your bed or desk or somewhere so you can remember to do these things.

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