

Week 28

At the Last Supper

Jesus and His friends walked along a dusty road on their way to a house for supper. The disciples had been arguing about which one of them was most important. When they got to the house, Jesus got a pan of water and began to wash His disciples' feet. They were very surprised! They didn't think Jesus should be doing this for them. They thought they should be washing His feet instead.

When Jesus was done, He asked them, "Do you know why I washed your feet?" When they shook their heads, He said, "I did it because I love you. (*) If you love Me, you will do kind things for one another." No one is more important than Jesus. But He was not proud. He was happy to help others. We can learn from Jesus to be kind to others too.

After the Passover meal, Jesus did an amazing thing. He gave His friends a special meal of bread and wine. Jesus said, "This is My body. This is My blood." Jesus knew He would soon die on the cross; Jesus would give up His body and blood to take away our sins. We celebrate this meal, called the Lord's Supper, in church often to receive these blessings from Jesus.

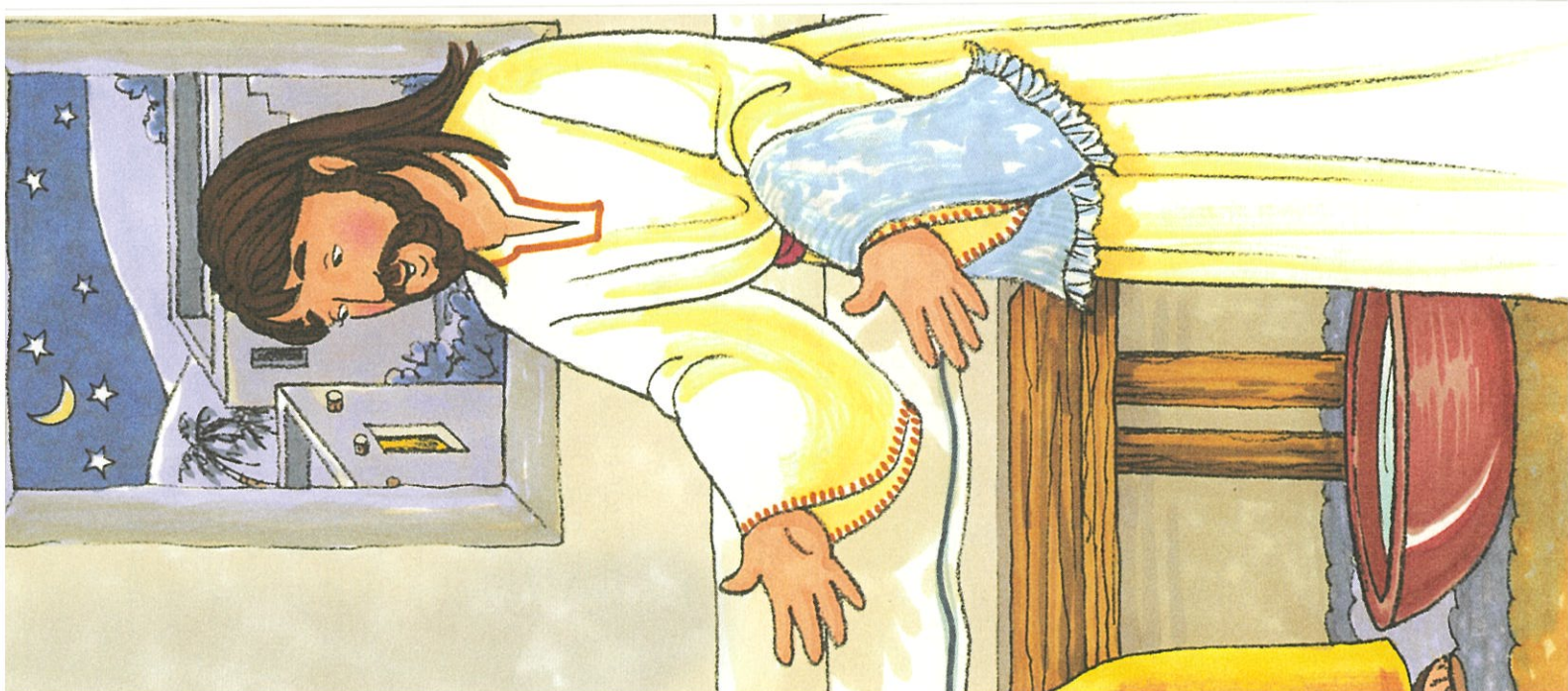
Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

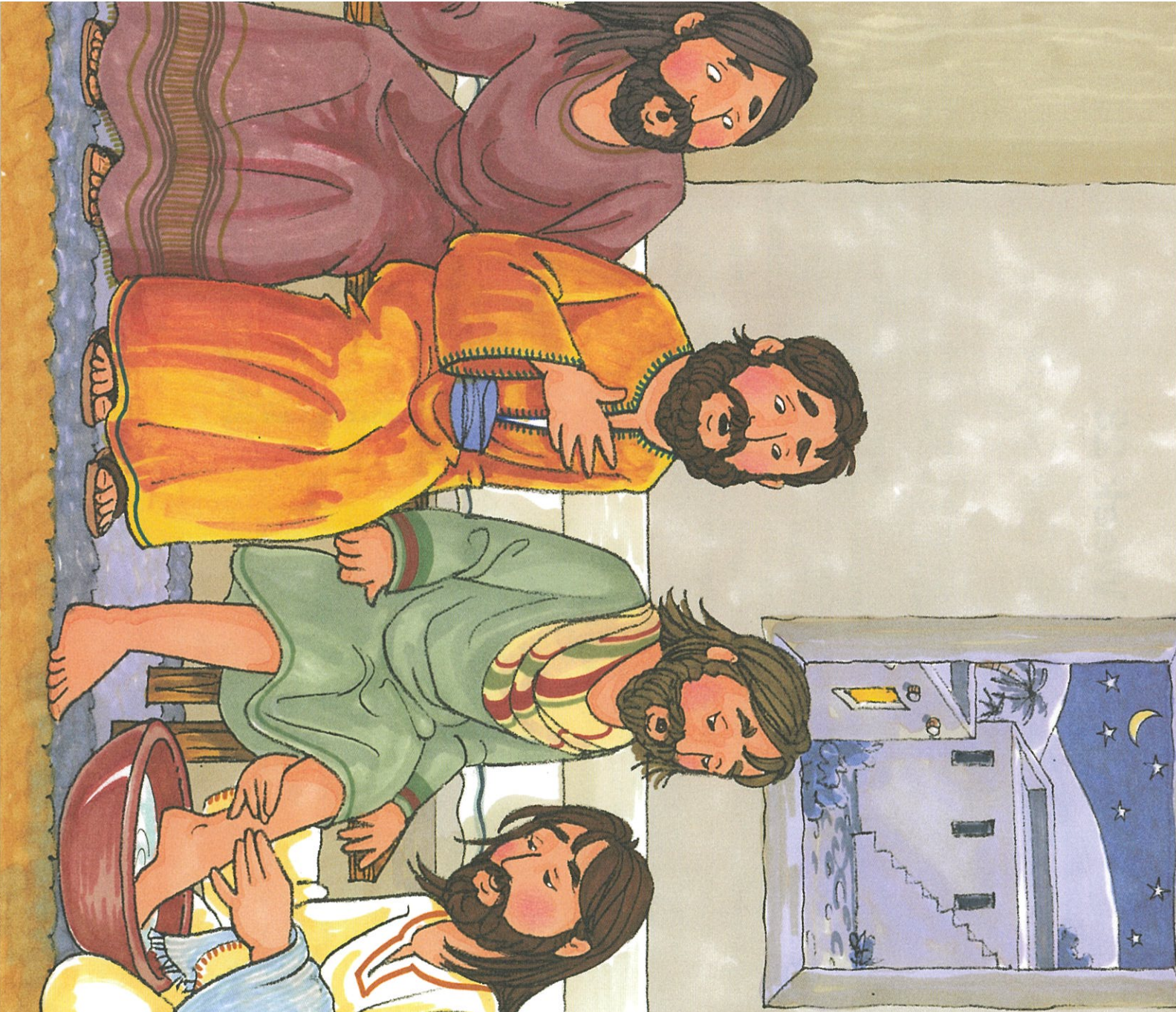
Think about It

Read about Jesus washing His disciples' feet in John 13:1-17. The kindness we show to others is not because we are so good, but because of the goodness of Christ Jesus in our hearts. He leads us to live as children of God. Read Luke 22:7-20, and help your child recognize the Lord's Supper with awe and wonder.

Bible Words

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you."
John 15:12





Dear Family,

In washing His disciples' feet, Jesus set an example of love that He wants us to follow. As we daily receive God's love and mercy, we can, through the power of the Holy Spirit, continue to grow in kindness to others. When we fail (and we will), we can ask God to forgive us, knowing that because of Jesus, He does forgive.

Talk with your child about ways your family members can serve one another using their hands and their feet. Reinforce this by saying the following action poem together:

- I have little feet (*Point to your feet.*)
- To follow Jesus' ways. (*Walk in place.*)
- I have little hands. (*Hold out hands.*)
- I fold them when I pray. (*Fold hands.*)

Read more about the special blessing Jesus gave later that evening at suppertime. See pages 392-394 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).