

# CITY SG- April 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

**Bible Story:** Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet • *John 13:1-17*

**Bottom Line:** Jesus wants me to put others first by serving them.

**Memory Verse:** "Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves." *Philippians 2:3, NIV*

**Life App:** Humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

## Silly Socks Service

**What You Need:** Large adult socks (2 per bin), Bible, chairs (2 per bin)

### **What You Do:**

- Guide kids to get into groups of six to eight and line up.
- At the far end of your area, place a chair facing each team.
- Direct the last child in line to be "It" and sit in his team's chair. Give him a pair of socks to put on over his shoes.
- At your signal, the first child in line runs to the seated child, takes off both socks, and trades places with "It".
- The original "It" then puts the socks on the new "It", runs back to his team, and tags the next child in line.
- Then that child goes down to the newly seated child and takes off the socks.
- They trade places and the kid who's now standing puts the socks on the seated child.
- The game continues until the original "It" is once again seated with the socks on.

### **What You Say:**

- What is the grossest thing you have ever had to clean?
- What did Jesus want his disciples to learn from washing their feet? (*We should serve others and none of us are too good to do a job*).
- Why did Peter refuse to let Jesus wash his feet? (*Because Peter was Jesus' student*).
- Why does Jesus want me to serve other people?
- **[Bottom Line]** Jesus wants me to put others first by serving them.

## One Goes with the Other

**What You Need:** "One Goes with the Other" Cards (1 per bin)

### **What You Do:**

- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Give the stack of cards to one child. Guide her to pull a card from the stack (no peeking!) and then pass the stack around the circle, with each child taking a card (again, no peeking!).
- Lead the first child to show her card to the group and name the item. (*"I have a dog."*)
- The child to her right then shows his card and comes up with a way that his object can go with the first. (*"A foot goes with a dog because dogs lick your feet."*)
- The third child then shows her card and says how her object goes with the second. (*"A spoon goes with feet because you can pick up a spoon with your toes and eat."*)
- The kids' answers can be as sensible or silly as they choose!
- Play continues around the circle until the first child says how her item "goes with" the last.
- **NOTE:** Don't force shy or reluctant children to participate; instead, invite them to choose other children to answer for them.

### **What You Say:**

- How would you explain serving to a friend?
- What would happen if you served your parents or stepparents? A friend? A bully? (*They might be grateful for your help or they might treat you differently*).

- Do you think humility and serving are connected? If so, how?
- Is it still humility if I brag about helping others? Why or why not?
- **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants me to put others first by serving them.**

## **Pray**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed.

### **What You Do:**

- Have the kids sit down in a circle and ask them how God could help them with humility this week.
- Point out that Jesus was the best at being humble and that serving others helps us be more humble.
- Either you or a child could pray that God would help all of us be more humble.

### **What You Say:**

“Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to show us what we should do. You have shown us the way to follow Jesus. Jesus chose humility and washed his disciples’ feet so they could teach others about Jesus. God, please make us more willing to serve others like Jesus and to put others first sometime this week. Help give us opportunities to do so. Amen.

## **What’s Your Footprint?**

**What You Need:** “Service Footprint” strips Activity Page (3 strips per kid), markers, tape (2 per bin)

### **What You Do:**

- Briefly unpack the concept of humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.
- Invite kids to tell how Jesus showed humility in today’s story, and then encourage them to share how they can show humility by putting others first.
- Give each kid a set of “Service Footprint” strips and set out the markers. On blank side of each slip, direct them to write or draw a way they can value others more than themselves by serving them, even if the service is something they don’t like to do. ***[Make It Personal] (Write or draw a few ways you will serve others. Include a way you can serve that goes beyond what you like to do.)***
- Guide each kid to make their strips into a paper chain with feet side out
- Encourage kids to take their paper chains home as reminders to serve others as Jesus served His disciples.

### **What You Say:**

- Who is someone you think of as being humble?
- What is a way that this person has served you?
- What do you think is the opposite of being humble? *(Being prideful)*
- How can we think more about others than ourselves?
- ***[Bottom Line] Jesus wants me to put others first by serving them.***