

## **Family Foot Washing Service**

*Adapted from LighthouseSouthBay.org*

**Opening Prayer:** Focus your prayer time on giving thanks to God for His great love for us, offering us salvation through Jesus Christ. Reflect upon how God “shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8).



**Musical Worship:** Select 2-3 songs, such as (live links embedded below)

[The Lord Jesus](#) (Norbet)

[Servant Song](#) (Gillard)

[Ubi Caritas](#) (Hurd)

**Read John 13:1-17:** Jesus Washing His Disciples’ Feet. Read through this passage together, having each family member read a couple of verses.

**Pre-Activity Discussion:** Tell your children how the act of washing people’s feet was a job reserved for the lowest servants, and yet Jesus sets the ultimate example of humility and servanthood by taking on this role. Remind them that in a culture where people walked long distances on dusty roads in sandals, this was a very dirty task! You can also mention how Jesus washes *all* of His disciples’ feet – including those of Judas, who later betrayed him, demonstrating His love for even His enemies. And, talk about how Jesus performed this amazing, sacrificial act during the last moments of His earthly life. Instead of simply thinking about Himself as He faced His imminent death, Jesus was still focused on how He could love others and glorify God.

**Family Feet-Washing Activity:** Prepare a basin of warm water and some towels. Starting with the oldest, have each person wash another family member’s feet.

**Post-Activity Discussion:** Discuss how it felt for everyone to wash another person’s feet, both for the person doing the washing and for the person receiving the service. Talk about how Jesus redefines what it means to be truly great in contrast with how this world describes greatness. Finally, ask your kids how they can be like Jesus and humbly serve those around them.

**Closing Prayer:** Close together as a family with the Our Father.