

REFLECTION IDEAS – Jesus, the Servant

John chapter 13 verses 1 to 17; Mark chapter 10 verses 43 to 45

So much we read and hear can seem to point to us getting what we can out of life. Looking out for ourselves. The recordings of Jesus in the Bible seem to point us to a different way to live.

In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve. The Son of Man came to give his life to save many people." Mark 10:45 - International Children's Bible

A way of seeing life as an opportunity to help and serve others. Of giving without expecting anything in return. Christians believe that Jesus' example encourages us to live lives differently, and to see in our world an opportunity to serve and love others.

Reflection

- What can you do to serve other people and make our world a better place?
- A prayer attributed to St Teresa of Avila says:

Christ has no body now, but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks.

With compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

How does this make you feel about how important it is to care for and serve others?

Links

A short version of the bible story can be found here: https://youtu.be/o4Ac3k_Jlk0 Please check if this is suitable for your group.

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Inspire Prayer Space Activity – Do you put others first?

Putting other people first, and recognising that your needs may not be the most important, shows humility. The Bible tells of many times Jesus showed humility. In John 13 he washed the feet of his friends, the disciples. This would have been a dirty job and not one usually done by someone like Jesus. Have you ever offered to do a job or a task that no one else wants to do?

Talk with someone near you and see if you can come up with some suggestions of things you can do, that will show humility. By doing one of these, you are showing that you are thinking of others. Choose one to do today or tomorrow. You may like to say a prayer to God to ask him to help you look for ways to show humility.



Some suggestions of things might be:

- to offer to help tidy up at home;
- to allow a sibling to have their pick first, before you;
- find a way to show your teacher you are thankful for all they do;
- going out of your way to make sure all are included in games on the playground.

This painting by Ford Madox Brown, shows Jesus washing his disciple's feet. It is owned by the Tate Gallery, London.

See below for activity sheet

Adapted from a Prayer Spaces in Schools resource

Jesus the servant – acrostic puzzle

Mark chapter 10 verses 43 to 45

Jesus said we should serve each other. Here are some things that we can do to serve others:

befriend care comfort encourage give help smile

Enter the words into the grid below, so that the highlighted letters down the middle spell 'servant'.

You can then put the words into the numbered sentences which suggest who we can serve in these ways.

1			S						
2			e						
3			r						
4			v						
5			a						
6			n						
7			t						

1. _____ at someone you meet.
2. _____ someone in difficulty.
3. _____ someone who is lonely.
4. _____ to someone in need.
5. _____ for someone who needs love.
6. _____ someone who is sad.
7. _____ someone who is hurt.

Jesus the servant – Colouring page

John chapter 13 verses 1 to 17



Connect the Dots

Begin at the number 1 dot and draw a line to the next number dots until you reach the number 1 dot again to complete the picture.

