

Shoe Shine Service

Small Group Application Activity Lesson 2 - I Will Serve Others!

PURPOSE:

This activity will allow the children to imitate Jesus' act of service to the disciples.

DESCRIPTION:

In this activity, the children will wash each other's shoes.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet, hand towels, shoe cleaner, old tooth brushes, water, and hand sanitizer.

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. In our Bible Lesson, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an example of service.
2. Most people don't like to wash and clean things. Do you like cleaning your room, washing the dishes, picking up dirty clothes, or taking out the trash? (No.)
3. Wouldn't you like it if someone did those jobs for you? (Yes.)
4. That is why choosing to clean or wash something for someone is a great way to serve them. Not only are we following the example of Jesus, we are treating others the way we want to be treated.

For detailed instructions on how to lead the activity, watch the Training Video.

DURING THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Jesus washed the disciples' feet, and today, we are going to wash each other's shoes.
2. First, we will use the water and toothbrushes to remove any mud or dirt.
3. Then, we will use the shoe cleaner and the towels to clean the shoes and shine them up as much as we can.
4. Everyone get with a partner and start to clean his or her shoes.

Note: With most shoes, boots, and sneakers, the children can leave their shoes on while they are cleaned. For some sandals and flip-flops, it may be easier for the child to remove the shoes for them to be cleaned. When the shoes are clean, everyone can wash their own hands by using some of the hand sanitizer.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Jesus washed the disciples' feet to teach us about serving others. It was a dirty, unpleasant job that most people did not want to do, but it showed the disciples how much Jesus loved them.
2. When we do things for others, especially when we do things that are dirty jobs or jobs that people don't want to do, we are serving them and following Jesus' example.
3. What are some jobs around the house that you or other family members don't like to do? (Wash the dishes. Take out the trash. Clean the bathroom. Rake the leaves.)
4. This week, choose one of these jobs that someone else is assigned to do and do it for them all week.
5. When you do, you are serving your family and following the example that Jesus set for us.

CLOSING STATEMENT:

A great way to serve others is to do a job for them that they don't want to do. Today, we cleaned each other's shoes. Keep serving others this week by doing an unpleasant or dirty job for someone in your family this week.