



Faith at Home Parent Sheet

GraceLand March Bible Nugget

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.*

Psalm 118:26

March 7, 2010 • Theme: Discipleship!

Focus: For children to understand that Jesus was the model servant, and how he showed his servant hood attitude to his disciples.

Scripture: John 13:3-9 (New International Version)

³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"



Life Application Summary: Jesus was the model servant, and he showed his servant attitude to his disciples. Washing guests' feet was a job for a household servant to carry out when guests arrived. But Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist, as the lowliest slave would do, and washed and dried his disciples' feet. If even he, God in the flesh, is willing to serve, we his followers must also be servants, willing to serve in any way that glorifies God.

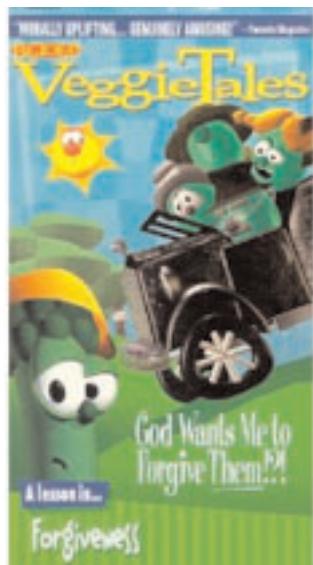
Kid's Questions:

Are you willing to follow Christ's example for serving?

Whom can you serve today?

How do you treat those who work under you?

March 14, 2010 • MOVIE DAY!



Another installment of the popular Christian-oriented animated series, this time with two lessons focusing on the importance of forgiveness. In the first story, Junior Asparagus learns that it's not always easy to forgive someone -- especially when those someones are as mean as the Grapes of Wrath family.

In the second story, Larry, Bob, and some passengers wind up stranded on a desert isle when Larry crashes their boat. Will Larry ever be forgiven for his mistake?

Forgiveness is deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

Kid's Questions:

Is it harder to forgive a friend or someone you don't know very well?

Why does God want us to be forgiving?

March

March 21, 2010 • Theme: Discipleship

Focus: For children to understand that by serving others isn't simply to be nice, but to help spread the good news about Jesus to others.

Scripture: John 13:12-20 (New International Version)

¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Jesus Predicts His Betrayal

¹⁸"I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture: 'He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.' [a]

¹⁹"I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He. ²⁰I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."

Life Application Summary: Jesus did not wash his disciples' feet just to get them to be nice to each other. His far greater goal was to extend his mission on earth after he was gone. These men were to move into the world serving God, serving each other, and serving all people to whom they took the message of salvation.

March 28, 2010 • Theme: Humility (Palm Sunday)

Focus: For children to understand that Jesus is our serving and humble Lord. We too need to serve with a humble attitude and praise Him with all our heart.

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11 (New International Version)

The Triumphal Entry

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.' "

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna! [a]"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" [b]

¹⁰"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Life Application Summary: This was Sunday of the week that Jesus would be crucified, and the great Passover Festival was about to begin. Jews came to Jerusalem from all over the Roman world during this week-long celebration to remember the great exodus from Egypt. Many in the crowds had heard of or seen Jesus and were hoping he would come to the Temple.

Jesus did come, not as a warring king on a horse or in a chariot, but as a gentle and peaceable and humble King on a donkey's colt, just as Zechariah 9:9 had predicted. Jesus knew that those who would hear him teach at the Temple would return to their homes throughout the world and announce the coming of the Messiah.

The people exclaimed "Praise God!" because they recognized that Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9 (see also Psalm 24:7-10; 118:26).

