

# The Servant King

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## Connect as a Family:

Give everyone a blank circle. Have every family member draw their face on the circle, to show how you are feeling. Let your kids have some time to share what all the things they drew on their face mean, allowing them space to process their emotions. We're all feeling the strain of this strange time! Remind our kids that God created all of our feelings and emotions so every single one of them is GOOD!

## Read together:

From the Jesus Storybook Bible: The Servant King, page 286-291

Also available as a video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCbBQDvvSQY>

"I love spending time together and I also love learning about our great, big God together! We get to talk about our Jesus! The Bible is God's big love story for us. We are ALL part of the same big God story as the people we read about in the Bible. The Bible is our Light. It helps us see."  
*Tip: Consider lighting a candle as you read the text together. When you are done reading, you can blow it out together.*

## Let's talk about it:

Passover was a special time for Jesus and his friends. They were going to have a special meal. But they weren't talking about food. Do you remember what they were talking about? (Feet. Who should wash their feet.)

We wash our hands before we eat. Why did they need to wash their feet? (Barefoot, sandals, dirty streets)

Did any of the friends want to wash everybody's feet? (No)

Who washed everyone's feet? (Jesus)

Why did Jesus do that? (He was showing them love. He was teaching them to help others,)

One friend had a bad plan. Do you remember his name? (Judas)

He was going to help some men capture Jesus. Did Jesus know about Judas' plan? (Yes)

## Memorize together:

"A new command I give you: Love one another." John 13:34.

- Watch "Love One Another" music video (by our very talented Alicia!) and encourage everyone to sing and follow the motions. Play the music video several times as the kids start to learn the song and motions.
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A\\_isl0vaGso&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_isl0vaGso&feature=youtu.be)
- Ask: How did Jesus show his friends that he loved them?
- Ask: What do you think it means that our Bible says if we love one another, people will know that we are God's Disciples?
- Ask: How can we love one another?

### **Create together:**

#### Materials

Paper plates with heart cut out of center and holes punched around the heart

Crayons or markers

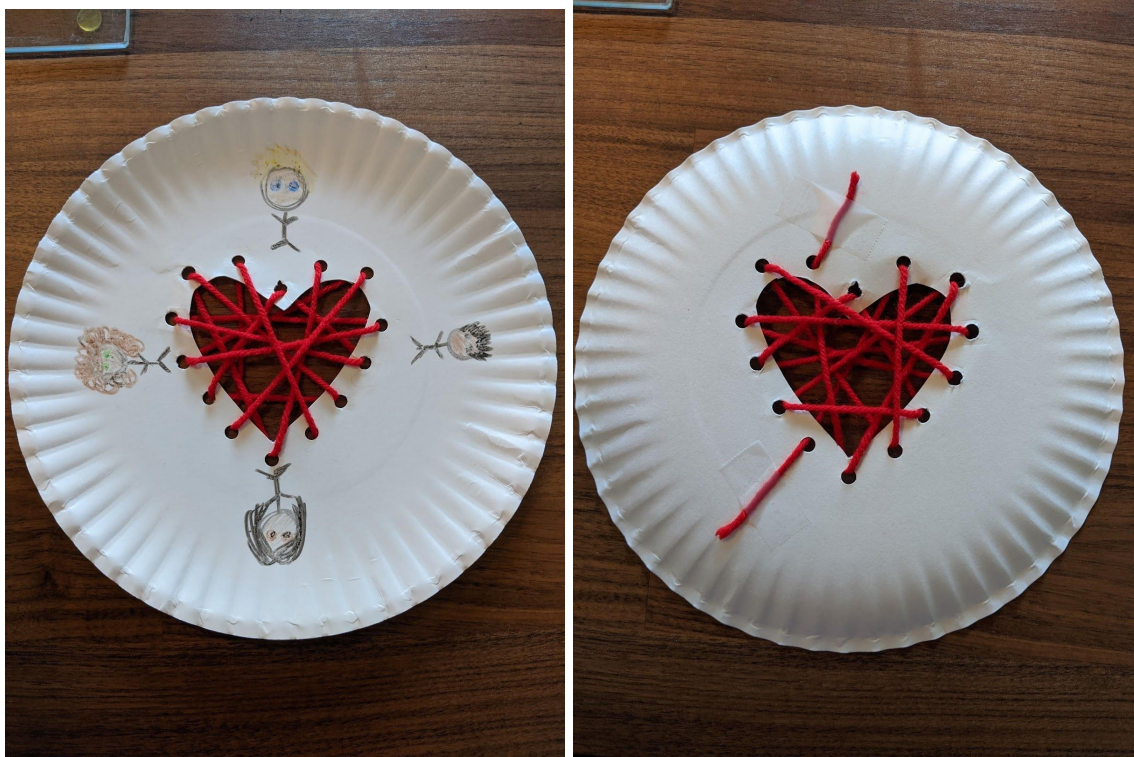
Red yarn, taped off on the edge

Plastic needle, if you have one

Scissors

Tape

Have the children draw people that they love around the edges of the plate. You can talk about the symbolism of being at the table, sharing a meal with loved ones as they draw. Then tape a piece of red yarn to the back center of the heart and help the children start to sew the yarn with a plastic needle (if you have one) or the taped end of the yarn, through the holes crossing over the heart. Talk with the kids about how God's love connects us all!



### **Play Together:**

Set out a couple water bins on towels. Show your kids how to wash each other's feet, gently pouring water and drying. If foot washing is not feasible, let the kids wash the feet of babies/ plastic toys in your house. Or even just allow for fun water play, encourage taking turns gently pouring water on their hands and into different containers. Talk about how it feels and sounds. Ask your kids how Jesus' disciples might have felt when Jesus washed their feet.

**Pray together: Thankful Hand stack Prayer**

The disciples in our story today were so thankful for Jesus. We have a lot to be thankful for too! Have one person place their hand in the middle of the table, then have everyone else in the class place one hand on top to create a “stack” of hands. Start your prayer, “Dear GOd, .... Then the person whose hand is at the base of the stack goes first, thanking God for a single thing. As they pull out their hand out and place it on top of the “hand stack.” Then, the next person, whose hand is now on the bottom, prays, thanking God for one thing, as they pull their hand out and place it on top of the stack. When you sense it is time to stop, raises up the pile of hands. That’s the signal for everyone to say “Amen!” and high five the person next to them.

**More ideas:**

Take communion together. Remind your kids of the words (The body of Christ, broken for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you) we say and let them take a turn serving other family members.

Use the Children’s Books you have at your house and go “hunting” for examples of characters that are loving one another. Let the kids share with everyone in their family what they found.

