



## WEEK ONE – FEBRUARY 2019 – SECOND/THIRD

**Bible Story:** *Gotta Serve Somebody* • John 13:1–17

**Bottom Line:** *Serve others because of what Jesus did for us*

**Memory Verse:** *“Jesus sat down and called for the twelve disciples to come to him. Then He said, ‘Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone.’”* – Mark 9:35 NIV

**Life App:** *Service – Lending a hand to help someone else*

**Basic Truth:** *I should treat others the way I want to be treated*

**Summary:** We start the month in John 13:1–17 where Jesus offered an incredible example of service. When the disciples show up to the meal with Jesus, their feet would have been dirty from walking the roads of Jerusalem. Their feet would have been disgusting! Instead of allowing a servant to come and wash their feet, Jesus took a basin and a towel and did the work Himself. The disciples were astonished that their Lord would stoop to such a level.

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**8:50–9:00 | 10:20–10:30 | 11:50–12:00 – EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES**

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### **1. Early Arriver Idea**

*Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** “Check Please” Activity Pages, pens or pencils

**What You Do:**

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the For Everyone box on the wall near the main entrance
- Give each kid a check and a pen or pencil.
- Ask, “If you could order any food from any restaurant, what would it be?”
- Instruct them to write down everything they would love to order on their check.
- Encourage them to share their ideas aloud with the group.

**What You Say:**

***[Transition] Today in Large Group, we are going to learn about someone who did something pretty amazing with water. What He did may seem challenging for us, but we will learn why it was worth it to Him. Let’s head over and find out what it was!”***

***Lead your group to the Large Group area.***

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**9:10–9:45 | 10:40–11:15 | 12:10–12:45 – LARGE GROUP**

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**OVERVIEW:**

**Bottom Line:** *Serve others because of what Jesus did for us. When we need that extra measure of strength to do what it takes to help others in need, we can remember all that Jesus did for us. He not only lived a life a service, but He gave His life as the ultimate example of service. We reflect His character when we serve the people around us.*

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**9:45–10:05 | 11:15–11:35 | 12:45–1:05 SMALL GROUP**

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### **1. Pin the Sponge**

**[Application Activity]**

*Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** “Pin the Sponge” Activity Pages, sponge strips, blindfolds, painter’s tape, duct tape

### What You Do:

- Tape two Activity Pages on a wall approximately two feet apart.
- Divide kids into two teams, and line them up at least 20 feet away from the Activity Pages.
- Designate one picture for each team.
- Provide each kid with a blindfold, a sponge strip, and a small piece of duct tape.
- Instruct kids to make a loop out of their duct tape and stick it on one side of their sponge.
- Explain that when it's their turn, they will blindfold themselves and attempt to walk down to their team's picture and "pin" their sponge on the foot.
- The twist is, before they can walk down, you will ask a review question aloud. The kids at the front of each line race to raise their hands to be the first to answer. If they are first and get the question correct, they get to have a teammate help them walk down and pin their sponge in the right area. If the first kid gets the question wrong, the other kid gets a chance to ask for help from their team.
- The team with the most sponges on their team's foot is the winner!
- Continue until every kid has had a turn and all review questions have been answered.
- Here are the Review Questions:
  - Why were the disciples and Jesus together about to share a meal? (Celebrating Passover)
  - Who usually washed feet before a meal? (a servant)
  - What did Jesus do for His disciples? (Wash their feet)
  - What did Jesus wrap around his waist before washing the disciples' feet? (Towel)
  - What did Jesus tell the others they should do for each other since He washed their feet? (They should wash each other's feet)
  - What lesson did Jesus want the disciples to learn from washing their feet? (To serve others)
  - What does this story mean for us in our lives? (We can serve others too)
  - Does Jesus mean we have to literally wash people's feet? (No, we can serve others in many ways)
  - How could we serve our friends like Jesus did?
  - Bonus Question: How could you serve someone this week?

### What You Say:

*"You all did a great job racing down to clean your team's foot! Can you imagine how stinky the disciples' feet were in our story today? (Allow time for responses.) Jesus didn't care how dirty they were or how bad they smelled. He just wanted to serve them. We don't need to be going around washing everyone's feet, but let's remember the example Jesus set for us and **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.**"*

***[Make It Personal] (Share a personal example of how you served someone because of how you were inspired by the way Jesus served others.)***

## **2. Service Up**

### **[Application Activity]**

*Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing*

**What You Need:** Diner hats, labels, markers, decorating materials

### **What You Do:**

- Give every kid a hat and a label.
- Encourage kids to place the label on one side of their hat.
- On the other side, ask them to write one way they will serve someone this week.
- Allow time for kids to decorate their hats.
- Instruct kids to sit in a circle. Encourage each to say share how they want to serve someone this week and what made them think of that idea.

### **What You Say:**

*“You all have the most creative ideas to serve people! One of the best ways we can continue to learn how to serve others is to study how Jesus did it. Can you think of other examples from the Bible of ways Jesus served others? (This may be a difficult question for your group, so allow time for them to process and come up with ideas.) He set the best example by all He did for us. We can always be inspired to **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.**”*

## **3. Pray and Dismiss**

### **[Prayer Activity]**

*Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*

**What You Need:** N/A

### **What You Do:**

- Ask kids to close their eyes and think of something Jesus has done for them that they are really thankful for.
- Together as a group, pray and thank Jesus for what He has done, and ask for help to live a life of service like Him.

### **What You Say:**

*“Jesus, we are so thankful for all You have done for us. There are so many wonderful things You’ve done, we wouldn’t ever be able to keep count. May the many ways You’ve served and loved others inspire us to do the same. Let us be reminded this week to **[Bottom Line]** serve others because of what Jesus did for us. We love You. We pray this in Your name, amen.”*

***As adults arrive to pick up, have each kid take off their diner hat and hold it up high. Prompt each kid to share how they are going to serve someone this week and remind them that they can [Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us. Also, don’t forget to hand out this month’s content overview to each parent!***