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Age-Level Overview

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Lower Elementary

WORKSHOP FOCUS: We can use our feet to serve Jesus.

SWEET FEET TREATS: Kids serve each other foot-shaped snacks of cinnamon-covered pastry wedges with grape toes.

Open the Bible

SPARK RESOURCES: Spark Story Bibles

SUPPLIES: Plates, forks, napkins, cups, flower, vase, water, pitcher, grape juice

Activate Faith

SPARK RESOURCES: None

SUPPLIES: Refrigerated pie crusts, cinnamon, sugar, butter, grapes, grape juice, soap, water, towels, dry measuring cups, measuring spoons, bowl with sealing lid, pizza pans, small bowl, microwave, pastry brush, pizza cutters, oven, colander, plates, napkins, plastic butter knives, serving spatulas, cups

Upper Elementary

WORKSHOP FOCUS: When we serve, we are like Jesus.

TATER TOES: Kids make seasoned potatoes to serve to each other.

SPARK RESOURCES: Spark Bibles, Spark Bible Stickers

SUPPLIES: None

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SUPPLIES: Frozen fries, olive oil, garlic powder, seasoning salt, chives, ketchup, soap, water, towels, bowl, spoon, fork, liquid measuring cup, measuring spoons, cookie sheet, broiler, dish soap, tongs, plates, napkins

All Kids

WORKSHOP FOCUS: We can remember the Last Supper at every meal.

COMMUNION CRISPS: Kids make flatbread crackers to celebrate the first communion meal at the Last Supper.

SPARK RESOURCES: Spark Story Bibles, Spark Bibles, Spark Bible Stickers

SUPPLIES: Communion ware, communion linens

SPARK RESOURCES: Spark Bibles

SUPPLIES: Flour, baking powder, salt, olive oil, rosemary, sea salt, grape juice, butter, water, soap, towels, oven, oven mitts, timer, baking sheets, bowl, spoons, dry measuring cups, liquid measuring cups, measuring spoons, small rolling pins OR drinking glasses, pizza cutter, cups, napkins



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Workshop Focus: We can use our feet to serve Jesus!

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Open the Bible (10 minutes)

The Last Supper Storytelling

Set Up: Set up an eating area for the workshop snack. Get out all supplies and let kids arrange them when they arrive.

Activity Instructions

As the kids arrive, invite them to help you set the table. At each place, set a plate, fork, napkin, and cup. Fill a vase with water, add a flower, and place it as a centerpiece. Fill a pitcher with grape juice. **Now we are all ready to eat our snack!**

Thanks for your help!

What do you do to get ready for a special dinner at your house? (*Set the table, put on music, make a yummy dessert.*) **In today's Bible story, Jesus is about to share a last supper with his friends. Let's read and see how Jesus gets ready.**

Give each kid a Spark Story Bible. Help kids open their Bibles to The Last Supper, beginning on page 462. **Open your Bibles to page 462. You are in the right place when you see two feet. This story is called The Last Supper.** Read the story aloud.

Spark Resources
Spark Story Bibles

Supplies

Plates
Forks
Napkins
Cups
Flower
Vase
Water
Pitcher
Grape juice, 64 fluid ounces
(1.89 liters)

How did Jesus get ready? (He washed the disciples' feet.) **Jesus was the guest of honor, but he wanted to show his love for his friends. He washed their feet!**

The disciples ate many foods at this meal. What two foods does this story talk about? (bread and wine) **Listen again to the words Jesus used as he shared the bread and wine.** Read that section of the story again, starting at, "Then Jesus picked up a loaf of bread," and read until, "... so the sins of people may be forgiven." **Where else have you heard these words?** (worship, during communion) **When we share communion in worship, we are remembering the Last Supper.**

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Activate Faith (25 minutes)

Sweet Feet Treats

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Ingredients (serves 8):

- 2 refrigerated pie crusts, 9 inches, 15 ounces (425 g)
- Cinnamon, 2 tablespoons (30 ml)
- Sugar, 1 cup (240 ml)
- Butter, 4 tablespoons (60 ml)
- Grapes, 5 per kid
- Grape juice, set out in the Open the Bible activity, 64 fluid ounces (1.89 liters)

Set Up:

Set out the pie crusts to warm to room temperature. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit (232 degrees Celsius).

Activity Instructions

1. Make sure the kids wash their hands before they begin cooking. **Wash up so we can touch the food.**
2. Put the cinnamon and sugar in a bowl with a sealing lid. Turn it upside down and shake it to mix it. **When Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, he turned a tradition upside down! Usually, the disciples would wash their own feet, but he washed their feet. Jesus was a servant!**
3. Open the pie crusts to lie flat on two pizza pans. **Jesus got down on his knees to wash their feet. We don't expect a king to kneel down before us, but that is what Jesus did.**
4. Melt the butter in the microwave for 30 seconds. **Peter's heart melted when his king, Jesus, knelt before him to wash his feet.**

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Soap
Water
Towels
Dry measuring cups
Measuring spoons
Bowl with sealing lid
Pizza pans, 2
Small bowl (for butter)
Microwave
Pastry brush
Pizza cutters
Oven
Colander
Plates
Napkins
Plastic butter knives
Serving spatulas
Cups

5. Show the kids how to use a pastry brush to lightly cover the crusts with melted butter. **By washing their feet, Jesus spread his love to his followers and friends.**
6. Sprinkle the crusts with the sugar and cinnamon mixture. **Jesus and his disciples walked on dusty roads. Their feet were covered with dirt.**
7. Use a pizza cutter to cut each crust into eight wedges or "feet." **They look dirty with all of that dusty cinnamon and sugar on top. It's a good thing Jesus washed the feet of the disciples before dinner!**
8. Bake the crusts for eight minutes or until lightly browned.
9. As the crusts bake and cool, ask the kids to wash the grapes. **These grapes will be the toes of our Sweet Feet Treats. Wash them up, just like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples before the Last Supper.**
10. Count out five grapes and put them on your sample plate. Give each kid a plate and napkin. Pass the grapes. **Count out five grape-toes to put on your plate.**
11. Show the kids how to use a plastic butter knife to slice each grape in half, lengthwise. **Make these five grapes into ten toes. Always be careful when you cut, even with a plastic knife.**
12. Assist the kids in serving each other two wedges of crust on each plate. **Serve your friends, as Jesus served his friends on the night of the Last Supper. Give your neighbor a left and right foot.**
13. Arrange the grape slices so that they make five toes above the wide edge of the wedges of crust. **Add the grape toes to complete two feet. Jesus gets down and dirty to love us all the way to our Sweet Feet!**
14. Tear a small piece off of a crust-foot. **As you eat, tear the feet into little pieces, like Jesus did when he passed the bread to his friends. They each took a small piece.**
15. Go to each kid and pour a cup of grape juice. As you pour each cup of juice, remind the kids what the wine of communion represents. **Drink this juice and remember that Jesus gave up his own blood so that our sins may be forgiven.**
16. When all have been served, invite the kids to join you in raising a piece of crust in the air. **Thank you, Jesus, for giving your body for the forgiveness of my sins.**
17. Raise a cup of juice, as in a toast. **Thank you, Jesus, for giving your blood for the forgiveness of my sins.**
18. Lead the kids to share stories as they eat their Sweet Feet. **After dinner, Jesus told his friends that they would soon leave him. Have your friends ever done anything to hurt you? What did you do? How did you forgive?**
19. Work together to clean up the workshop space.

Send (5 minutes)

Wrap Up

Remind the Shepherds to distribute the Family Page for this story if the kids haven't already received it, and come together for Wrap Up.

When Jesus washed the disciples' feet, he was showing his love to them and to the world.

Spark Resources
Family Pages



Supplies
None

Prayer Time

Sit in a circle for a prayer. **Put your feet in the middle of our circle. As we pray, march them in place.**

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thanks for loving us down to our sweet feet.

Use our feet to serve others.

We will follow you!

Amen.

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Open the Bible (10 minutes)

The Last Supper Storytelling

Gather around the Spark Bibles to share the story The Last Supper. Give each kid a Spark Bible. **Jesus does some washing in today's Bible story. Open your Bibles to John 13:1-20, page 1190. Our story begins as Jesus is preparing for the Last Supper with his friends before he goes to the cross.**

Take turns reading the text aloud. **Mark this story with an I Read It sticker. Do you want to use any other stickers for this story?** Allow time for the kids to respond.

Which disciple did not want Jesus to clean his feet? (Peter) Why? Allow kids to guess. Affirm responses. **Peter did not think that Jesus should wash their feet because Jesus was so very important. But Jesus was showing us that none of us is too important to serve others. What does Jesus teach the disciples by washing their feet? (that they should be servant leaders)**

Spark Resources
Spark Bibles
Spark Bible Stickers

Supplies
None

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Usually a guest's feet would be washed by a servant or by himself. Jesus stoops down before the disciples—one by one—and shows his love by washing their feet.

Let us practice serving one another now because when we serve, we are like Jesus.

Activate Faith (25 minutes)

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Tater Toes

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Ingredients (serves 8):

- Frozen fries, bag, 28 ounces (793 g)
- Olive oil, 4 tablespoons (60 ml)
- Garlic powder, 2 teaspoons (10 ml)
- Seasoning salt, 2 teaspoons (10 ml)
- Chives, 2 tablespoons (30 ml)
- Ketchup, 1 cup (240 ml)

Set Up: Preheat the broiler.

Activity Instructions

1. Make sure the kids thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water. **Let's scrub up before we begin the cooking workshop.**
2. Open the bag of frozen fries. **Jesus wanted to open the eyes of his friends to something very important at their last supper together.**
3. Get help from the kids to pour the frozen fries into a large bowl. **Everyone was gathered. All of the disciples—and their toes—were there. Since there were 12 disciples, how many toes did Jesus clean? (120 toes)**
4. Toss a dish towel over your shoulder. **Jesus strapped on a towel.**
5. Lead the kids to measure and add the olive oil to the bowl of fries. **He filled a basin.**
6. Lead the kids to measure and add the garlic powder, seasoning salt, and chives. **Jesus stooped before each disciple, one by one, and washed his dusty feet. Add the dust and grime to these dirty toes.**

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Soap
Water
Towels
Bowl, large
Dish towel
Spoon
Fork
Liquid measuring cup
Measuring spoons
Cookie sheet
Broiler
Dish soap
Tongs
Plates
Napkins

7. Toss the fries with a spoon and fork until they are well-coated. **Normally, that dirty job was reserved for a lowly servant. Which disciple had a tough time soaking in this gift from Jesus? (Peter) Jesus already knew which disciple would betray him and turn him over to the guards. Which disciple would turn on Jesus? (Judas) Jesus even washed Judas' feet!**
8. Dump the potatoes onto a cookie sheet in a single layer. **Jesus turned the foot-washing tradition upside down. Jesus is a king, but he kneels before us as a servant. We should serve him, but he serves us.**
9. Put the cookie sheet in the broiler. Broil the fries on high heat, 6 inches (15 cm) from the heat source, for 5 to 8 minutes, until crisp.
10. As the potatoes bake, clean up the workshop space. **Let's be servants like Jesus and clean up our cooking mess. Cleaning is being a servant. We stoop down to clean the floor and do dishes. What other ways do we stoop to serve others? (Pick up something, help someone who has fallen, pick a flower to give to someone, take time with those younger than we are.)**
11. When the potatoes are done, have the kids stoop before each other and use the tongs to serve plates of Tater Toes to their friends.
12. Squirt some ketchup on your plate. Pass the bottle around. **Soon, Jesus' blood will be spilled.**
13. Form crosses with your fries. **Soon, he will die on the cross to save us from our sins.**
14. **When we stoop to serve, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus, our servant king.**
15. Pass a napkin to each kid. **Enjoy your last supper!**
16. As you eat, share more stories. **Jesus washed the feet of the disciples to show them how to be servants and to show his love. Jesus is an example to us. He left large footsteps for us to follow. How do you show your friends and family that you love them? How do they show their love for you? Who is an example of Jesus' love and service to you?** Allow time for the kids to respond and to share stories.

Send (5 minutes)

Wrap Up

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When we stoop to serve, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Spark Resources
Family Pages



Supplies
None

Prayer Time

Dear God,

Thank you for the example of love that you give to us.

Help us to be servants in the world. Show us how.

We will follow you, Jesus!

Amen.

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Open the Bible (10 minutes)

The Last Supper Storytelling

Set Up: Check with the church schedule to see if you can visit the sacristy with the kids. If it is unavailable, bring some communion ware and linens to the workshop space and explore them there.

Activity Instructions

As the kids arrive at the workshop, invite them to explore the church sacristy, where the elements are prepared for communion. Tour the space and look at the communion ware and linens used for the sacrament. Check out the church kitchen, too.

Take a good look around! What kind of service happens in the sacristy and in the church kitchen? (*Communion is prepared and cleaned up. Worship linens are prepared. Meals to share are prepared. Food for classes and small groups is stored and served.*)

We seem to gather around food at church a lot! When do we eat at church? (*for snacks, treats, potlucks, celebrations, baptisms, new members, funerals*) **When we eat together, we share holy moments.**

Spark Resources

Spark Story Bibles
Spark Bibles
Spark Bible Stickers

Supplies

Communion ware
Communion linens

Tear here for easy use!

At worship, we gather around an important meal, communion. In today's story, we hear about Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his friends.

Give out Bibles. Read The Last Supper on pages 462-467 in the Spark Story Bible and starting on page 1120 (Mark 14:10-32) in the Spark Bible. Invite the older kids to help you read from both Bibles.

Why is this meal called the Last Supper? (*the last time the disciples eat together before Jesus dies*) **This meal is also the first communion. We use the same words Jesus used when our church family gathers around God's table for the communion meal. What does communion mean to you?** Allow time for the kids to share. **Choose a sticker to mark this story in Mark.**

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Activate Faith (25 minutes)

Communion Crisps

Before serving any food, always check with caregivers for kids who have food allergies. Provide an alternative if necessary.

Ingredients (serves 8):

- Butter, 4 tablespoons (60 ml)
- Flour, 2 cups (480 ml)
- Baking powder, 1 teaspoon (5 ml)
- Salt, ½ teaspoon (2/5 ml)
- Water, warm, 2/3 cup (160 ml)
- Olive oil, 1/3 cup (80ml)
- Rosemary, 2 tablespoons (30 ml), chopped
- Sea salt, 2 tablespoons (28 g)
- Grape juice, 64 fluid ounces (1.89 liters)

Set Up: Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit (200 degrees Celsius).

Activity Instructions

1. Lead the kids to wash their hands before they begin cooking. **Jesus prepared for his last supper with his closest friends by washing their feet. I won't ask you to wash each other's feet, but we do need to wash our hands before we cook. Partner with one or two others and help each other wash hands. Squirt the soap, pass the towels, or adjust the water temperature. Find a way to serve each other as you wash up.**
2. Lightly butter two baking sheets. **The time had come for Jesus to leave this world. Jesus prepared by washing the feet of the disciples. We prepare for our meal by greasing these baking sheets.**

Spark Resources

Spark Bibles

Supplies

Soap
Water
Towels
Oven
Oven mitts
Timer
Baking sheets, 2
Bowl, large mixing
Spoons
Dry measuring cups
Liquid measuring cups
Measuring spoons
Small rolling pins OR drinking glasses with smooth sides
Pizza cutter
Cups
Napkins

3. Guide the kids to measure and combine the flour, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. **The Last Supper was unlike any other meal the disciples shared. It had all of the ordinary ingredients, but Jesus was telling them something.**
4. In a separate bowl, let the older and younger kids work together to measure and stir together the water and oil. **See how the water and oil turn away from each other? Jesus told the disciples that one of them would turn away from him, betray him. Which disciple was it? Use your Spark Bibles to jog your memory.** (*Judas*) Mix the water and oil mixture into the flour, baking powder, and salt mixture.
5. Allow the kids to measure and stir in the chopped rosemary. Mix it until a dough ball forms. **The road ahead was going to get bumpy for Jesus and his friends, like this dough.**
6. Tear the dough into two halves. Lay one dough ball on each cookie sheet. **Jesus picked up a loaf of bread and tore it. You see, Jesus' body would be broken to save all people from sin.**
7. Get help from the kids to flatten the dough to the edges of each cookie sheet with a small rolling pin (or a floured drinking glass). **Even in those final hours together, Jesus knelt down and served each disciple. That is how he showed his love for them. Being servants is how Jesus wants us to show his love to the world.**
8. Turn to page 1190 of the Spark Bible, where you can find a list of the names of the disciples. Ask an older kid to read the names of the disciples—one at a time—as other kids do the next step.
9. Gather around one cookie sheet of dough. Pass a pizza cutter and allow each kid to make one cut into the dough, until it has been cut into 12 pieces (11 cuts). Leave the other cookie sheet of dough whole. **Jesus gave a piece of bread to each disciple.** (Insert name of kid), **this is Jesus' body, broken for you.**
10. Sprinkle sea salt on the dough on both cookie sheets. **Now, Jesus' followers are so many that we can't count them! Jesus is with us in the holy moments at God's table: at the Last Supper and in every meal we share.**
11. Bake the crackers for 8 to 10 minutes, until they are lightly browned and crispy. Allow them to cool for a couple of minutes more. While the crackers bake and cool, clean up the cooking space. **Let's be servants like Jesus and clean up our kitchen mess!**
12. Serve the whole cracker first. Gather in a circle. Break off a piece, give it to your neighbor, and say a blessing. Lead the kids to continue to pass the cracker until everyone has been served. (Insert name), **Jesus is with you always!**
13. Sit together to enjoy the rest of the Communion Crisps napkins with cups of grape juice. Break off pieces and chat as you eat. **How do you think the disciples felt on the night of their last supper with Jesus?** (*worried, scared, sad, tense*) **How do you feel when you take part in communion? Thanks for sharing this holy moment!**

Send (5 minutes)

Wrap Up

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Jesus is with us in the holy moments at God's table—at the Last Supper and in every meal we share.

Spark Resources

Family Pages



Supplies

Paper squares

Crayons

Plate

Prayer Time

Set a plate in the middle of the prayer circle. Give each kid a small square of paper and crayons. **Draw a picture or write down something for which you want to thank God.** Allow time for the kids to make a note to God. Guide them to fold their pictures and place them on the plate. **Please touch the plate as we pray.**

Dear God,

Our plate is full!

We give thanks for holy moments.

Feed us with love. Fill us with gratitude.

May we remember your Last Supper at every meal and serve one another.

Amen.

Send the kids off with a reminder. **Jesus goes with you!**

Tear here for easy use!