

# SERVANTHOOD

## OVERVIEW

lesson 20



### BIG IDEA

**B**iblical servanthood can be defined as loving acts performed in the power of the Holy Spirit to meet the needs of those around us—and leaving the results to God. Servanthood is not like being a slave to someone, instead it is a choice to use

### KEY VERSES

#### Mark 9:35

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

### MATERIALS LIST

- several pairs of flip flops (Dollar Store)
- markers
- construction paper
- straws
- glue
- optional: pipe cleaners and pony beads
- scissors (provided)
- rope or tape for game
- copies of coloring page





### DIRTY FEET OBJECT LESSON

Wear a pair of flip flops while presenting this lesson. If possible get our feet really dirty beforehand to emphasize the point.

How many of you have a pair of flip flops? They are so easy to slip on and off. They're light weight and come in lots of styles. How many of you wear like flip flops better than regular shoes?

There are lots of good things about flip-flops, but one thing they are not good at is keeping dirt off your feet. At the end of the day your feet are filthy and probably stinky!

In Jesus' time, they didn't have shoes and socks. Everyone who could afford shoes wore sandals. You can imagine what a stinky mess this would have made. In fact, it was such a mess that a tradition formed: If you were invited into someone's house, one of the servants would wash your feet.

That had to have been considered one of the lowliest jobs. Who would want to wash the feet of 20, 50, or 100 people?

Do you think the principal of your school would do that for your class? Do you think a president or king would wash the feet of his dinner guests?

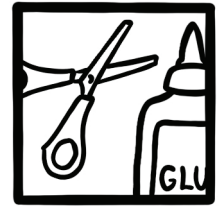
One day when Jesus was hanging out with his close friends he got on his knees and washed their feet. Imagine how shocked they were! Jesus was their teacher, their master. They had left everything to follow him. He was more important than a principal or even a president would be to us. They truly believed he was the Son of God.

Seeing the man they believed was the Messiah wash their feet sent a powerful message to the friends and sends a powerful message to us too. Jesus is the King of Kings, and if the King of Kings would wash the feet of his own friends, how then should we treat our friends, our neighbors, and even our enemies?

Now a days our customs are different. We have socks and shoes, we can take baths and showers with soap and shampoo. How might lowly service look today? Picking up litter? Picking up dog droppings? Volunteering to do the dirtiest chores and jobs?

Washing feet is a dirty job. It was one of the dirtiest jobs a servant could do. But it was not too dirty for Jesus. If Jesus was willing to serve his followers by washing their feet, we need to be willing to serve others in the same way.





## FLOWER PENCILS

**M**ake fancy flip flops to remember that the God who crated your feet also came to earth to be the Servant of all. Let's walk in His footsteps.



## PREPARATION

- Draw an outline of your feet on a piece of colored paper
- Draw the shape of a flip flop around each foot
- Color designs on the flip flop edge
- Cut two straws into pieces the right size for the straps
- Glue straws in place
- (option) Instead of straws use pipe cleaners and beads to fancy up the straps
- (optional) Write the bible verse on the feet. *Mark 9:35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."*

### SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Pre-draw flip flops on colored paper
- Help little kids trace their feet
- Use washable paint to make foot prints instead of tracing feet





## GAME

### DESCRIPTION

Flip flop themed group games!

### DIRECTIONS

#### Flip Flop Wheelbarrow Races

Divide the kids into groups of 5-8.

Give each team a pair of clean flip flops.

Mark off a starting and finishing line with tape or rope.

This game is played just like the traditional wheelbarrow races, where one player walks on his hands while another player holds his feet. But before becoming the “wheelbarrow,” players wear flip flops on their hands instead of on their feet.

(If flip flops are not available have the kids put their hands in their own shoes for the race)

#### Musical Flip Flops

Have all of the kids sit on the ground in a circle, barefoot. Use a new, large pair of flip flops (to ensure they will fit on all of the feet).

As the music plays, the players will pass the flip flops around the circle, putting them on and then quickly removing them and handing them off to the next player. When the music stops, the player who is wearing the flip flops is out. If the flip flops are in the process of being passed, everyone is safe, the music restarts and play continues.

The game goes on in this manner until only one player is left. That player is the winner.

