

# City SG - February 2-3, 2019

**Bible Story:** Gotta Serve Somebody (Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet) • *John 13:1-17*

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

**Memory Verse:** "Jesus sat down and called for the 12 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, NIRV*

## 1. Review Questions:

**What You Need:** Large Bag of Starburst (one per group, per service)

**What You Do:** Ask the below questions to your group, and give away candy for answers (right or wrong)

1. Why were the disciples and Jesus together about to share a meal? (*Celebrating Passover*)
2. Who usually washed feet before a meal? (*a servant*)
3. What did Jesus do for His disciples? (*Wash their feet*)
4. What did Jesus wrap around his waist before washing the disciples' feet? (*Towel*)
5. What did Jesus tell the others they should do for each other since He washed their feet? (*They should wash each other's feet*)
6. What lesson did Jesus want the disciples to learn from washing their feet? (*To serve others*)
7. What does this story mean for us in our lives? (*We can serve others too*)
8. Does Jesus mean we have to literally wash people's feet? (*No, we can serve others in many ways*)
9. How could we serve our friends like Jesus did?
10. Bonus Question: How could you serve someone this week?

## What You Say:

"You all did a great job answering our review questions! 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

**What You Need:** Diner hats (1 per kid, per service), verse label (1 per kid, per service), markers (campus supplies), helping hand stickers (6 per kid)

## 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.

- **NOTE: Please be mindful of other groups/services, and do not allow your group to use more than their “fair share” of stickers.**
- 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. Who? How?

**What You Need:** “Who” and “How” cards (one set of each per group)

#### What You Do:

- Guide kids to get in a circle.
- Show the cards and explain that one set shows WHO we can serve while the other shows HOW we can serve.
- Invite someone to pick one of each cards, and identify the pictures.
- Encourage the group to brainstorm ways they could serve that person with that item. Ask prompting questions if kids are stuck for ideas.
- Have another child pick two cards, etc.

### What You Say:

“Being kind to people who need friends, helping people when they’re sick, or doing jobs we may not like to do are all GREAT ways we can **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.** **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids how you plan to serve someone this week.)** Who is someone YOU can serve this week? (*Pause.*) How can you serve them? (*Pause.*) So remember: **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.**”

### 4. Servant of Everyone

**What You Need:** Bibles, washcloth (one per group)

#### What You Do:

- Help kids look up the verse using the Bible navigation tips below.

**Finding verses with 1<sup>st</sup> Graders:** Guide children to open the Bibles to Mark (use Table of Contents to inform them of page number). Point to the word *Mark* at the top of the page as you say “Mark” aloud. Then guide children to find the big number 9 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 9 for the little 35; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.

**Finding verses with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders:** Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Mark in the list under “New Testament.” You can help by telling them that Mark starts with the letters M-A. When the kids find Mark, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Mark. Help the kids find the page. When they find Mark, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 9. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 35 in chapter 9.

- Unpack the truth that being a “servant of everyone” means that we should always be willing to help anyone, anywhere—even if it means doing something that we don’t like to do.
- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Give one child the washcloth, and guide her to pass it around the circle.
- As kids pass the washcloth, lead them to say, “Be the servant of everyone,” one word at a time.
- Periodically stop when a child says “everyone.” Encourage that child to name someone they can serve this week.

**What You Say:**

“Instead of having a servant wash His friends’ feet, Jesus took off his outer coat, wrapped a towel around his waist, knelt down, and washed his friends’ feet himself! Jesus loved His friends SO much that He was willing to do anything for them.

“And you know what? You and I can serve others because of how Jesus served us. Sometimes we might serve others by doing things we don’t like to do, like picking up trash or setting the table or doing the dishes or even being kind to someone who’s been mean to us. But that’s the example Jesus gave us! So the thing to remember this week is this: **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.**”

**5. Pray and Dismiss**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**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.”

**BEFORE DISMISSAL: AT “COMMUNION CALL”  
HAND OUT “GOD TIME” CARDS TO EACH CHILD AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN  
WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY**

**IF CHILDREN BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE A PRIZE!**