



St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



19 March 2021 : The Servant King Washes Feet

What's in the box?!

[a shiny royal robe or crown]

Today we're going to tell a story about a king.

King Jesus, the Servant King.

And we're going to practice being servants and kings!

Who would like to be King?

[invite someone to wear the robes/ a crown/a pretend crown]

King *N*, we are your servants.

King *N*, what would you like us to do? [mop the floor, cook some food...]

You are the king... we are the servants, we will do as you say.

[we mop the floor, cooks some food, make the bed...]

Who else would like to be King?

King *N*, we are your servants.

King *N*, what would you like us to do? [wash my clothes, run on the spot...]

You are the king... we are the servants, we will do as you say.

[we wash clothes, run on the spot...]

We're ready to hear the story about Jesus the King!

Jesus' friends, the disciples were excited! [can you show me excited?]

They were really excited!

Jesus had invited them to a special party! The Passover!

The disciples were sitting down ready to eat...

Then the King did something surprising.

Let's all be Jesus the King [with our crown/robes]

He stood up!

He tied a towel around his waist [use your robe]

Then Jesus poured water into a bowl [re-use your robe and pour it onto the floor as though water]

*An abridged version of Sharon Moughtin-Mumby's story from Diddy Disciples Vol.2
For Diddy Disciples unable to join by zoom to share in the story at home during Covid lockdown.
Weekly Zoom services at 10am on Fridays – for links please contact curate@stedscathedral.org*

Jesus knelt on the floor.
And washed the feet of one of his disciples. [use the robe to wash the feet of someone in your bubble]

(tune: Mulberry Bush)

**Washing, washing, washing feet,
Washing feet, washing feet,
Washing, washing, washing feet,
Washing, washing feet.**

The room went silent. [hands over mouths]

Kings don't wash feet! [can you show me shocked!]
Servants wash feet!
Not Kings! [can you show me even more shocked!]

Then it was another disciple's turn – this time it was Peter.
[can you put your toes out and wiggle them like Peter]

BUT NO! [wag finger] said Peter.
Peter wanted Jesus to act like a REAL King! [robe back on]
Not like a servant!

But Jesus said Yes!
Close your eyes and imagine Jesus the King kneeling before you and washing your feet.

**Washing, washing, washing feet,
Washing feet, washing feet,
Washing, washing, washing feet,
Washing, washing feet.**

That's when the disciples knew Jesus wasn't just the king!
He was the SERVANT! KING!

Then Jesus said something surprising!
He said: you must wash each other's feet!
You must be like a servant!

Feet take us to places... with our feet we can follow... I wonder if we are making good choices about who we are following and how we are serving one another each day?

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Water play! Why not re-tell the story with real water at home and wash each others feet!
Let your little one wash or touch/explore your feet too...

Play follow the leader....

On a wet day... play in the puddles and make footsteps... and follow one another's footsteps.
Or muddy foot prints. Or footprints in the sand.

Google the poem 'Footprints in the sand'

Draw around your feet and use watery green and blue colours to remind you about today's story.