

The Last Supper

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Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Place Setting

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: The Last Supper

Life Application: Props in Action

Craft: Serving Apron

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.





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Place Setting

The children will prepare the table for the "last supper."

Materials

For each child:

- 1 small white paper plate
- 1 piece of construction paper
- markers or crayons
- glue stick
- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

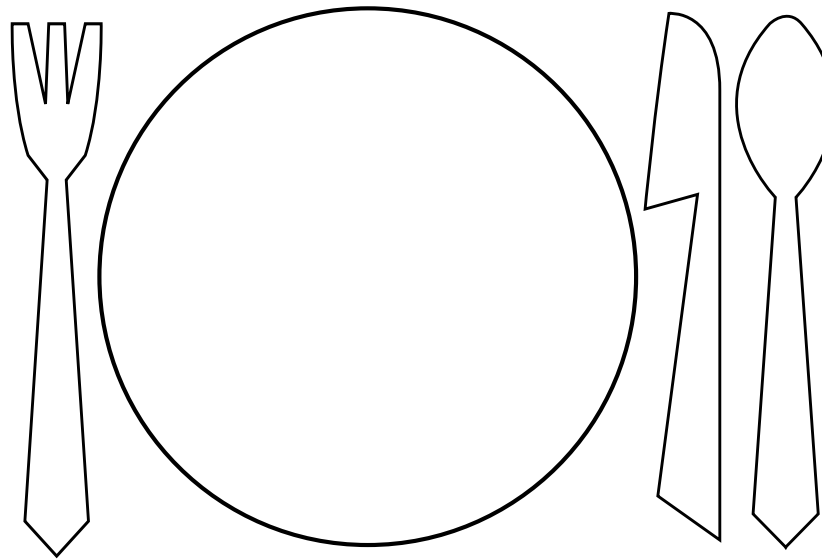
1. Cut out the utensils from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
2. Make a model of the place setting following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Give each child a piece of construction paper and a plate.
2. Have the children glue the plate to the middle of their paper.
3. Give the children one of each of the utensils to glue next to the plate as follows:
 - A. The fork to the left of the plate.
 - B. The knife and spoon to the right of the plate.
4. Encourage the children to decorate their place settings with markers and crayons.

Conclusion

When we invite friends to our house to eat it makes them feel special. It is special to have meals together. Today you will learn about a special meal that Jesus had with his friends.



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Materials

For each child:

- place mats from the Preclass Activity

For the teacher:

- towel
- bar of soap
- large bowl
- robe, for Jesus' costume
- Bible
- optional: scarves, small robes, etc. (for costumes for the children)

Preparation

1. Familiarize yourself with the story.
2. Dress in a robe to play the part of Jesus.
3. Have the children sit at a table if possible.

Instructions

Who remembers our Bible story from last week? We learned about Jesus and two of his friends? What were his friends' names? (James, John).

Do you remember how angry James and John got that the people in Samaria did not welcome Jesus? Jesus helped his friends learn that they should not get angry at people.

I'm so excited to tell you another true story. Can anyone guess where I got this story? Hold up the Bible. Yes, I learned about this story from the Bible. This story is in the book of John in the Bible. Open the Bible to John 13.

I'm going to dress up and pretend to be Jesus. Who would like

to pretend to be my friends? Help the children put on their costumes.

I like to have my friends over for dinner. Let's all sit down at the table for dinner. Give the children the place mats from the Preclass Activity. Where should you put your place mat? Yes, on the table right in front of you.

Listen to what Jesus said to his friends as they got ready for dinner. He said: I'm so glad you could all be here to have dinner with me. This is a special time for me. It is special because this is the last time I'm going to be able to eat with my friends. I want you to know how much you mean to me and how much I love you. (John 13:1) Then Jesus noticed something. He noticed that all of his friends' feet were dirty. Can you think of why their feet were so dirty? Let the children answer. Help them understand that they wore sandals and walked on dirt roads. Because Jesus loved his friends so much, he got up from the table and started to wash their feet. Get up from the table, take off your robe and wrap a towel around your waist. As you do this explain that Jesus did this so he could dry their feet when he was finished washing them. Who would like to pretend to have their feet washed? If a child wants his feet washed, take off only his shoes and pretend to wash and dry his feet.

As you wash their feet ask the children whose feet Jesus washed? (Peter, James, John, Judas.) Why do you think Jesus washed their feet? Was it an easy thing to do? No, it was probably really hard to wash smelly, dirty feet! But Jesus did it because he loved his friends. Listen to what Jesus told his friends when he was done washing their feet. Open your Bible and read John 13:15: "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." What does that mean? What did Jesus just do for his friends? Yes, he washed their feet. Did they need their feet washed? Yes, he saw what they needed and he wanted to help them. Jesus wants us to help others just as he helped his friends.

Conclusion

How did Jesus show his love for his friends? (By spending time with them, eating with them, washing and drying their feet, teaching them to help others and being an example for them.)



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Teacher Tips

- Give each child a scarf or robe to wear as a costume. This will help the children to feel more involved with the story.
- If you have a table to use, you can decorate it with a tablecloth, flowers, candlesticks, etc.



Props in Action

Using props, the children will act out ways to serve and will choose two people they can serve this week.

Scripture Memory Verse

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John 13:15

Materials

For the teacher:

- towel
- bowl or bucket
- Bible
- first aid kit or bandage strips
- toys

Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the activity.

Instructions

1. Our Bible story today is about Jesus serving his friends by washing their feet. Let's find some ways we can serve our friends and family.
2. Jesus showed his friends that he loved them by serving them. How can you show your friends that you love them? (Share with them, listen to them when they talk, don't get mad at them, invite them to go to church with you.)
3. Show the children the props that you brought in. Have one child at a time choose an item and tell the group how she could help someone with that item. If they are having a hard time, give them suggestions: Here are some bandages, what do we use these for? When we get hurt. If one of your friends got hurt you could use bandages to help them. How could you help someone with these toys? Yes, you could help them clean up. What could you do with a Bible? Right, You could show them how you learn about Jesus.

4. Ask the children, What are some other ways that you can be a helper?

Help someone that is sad by talking to them or giving them a hug. Ask someone that is playing alone to play with you. Invite them to Bible class to learn and play.

Scripture Memory Activity

Have each child choose two people that they are going to serve this week. Have them explain how they are going to serve them.

Have each child say the memory verse. "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

Conclusion

It makes God very happy when we help people. Another way that we can help our friends is to invite them to church. Let's pray together about helping our friends to learn about God.

Choose a child to pray.

Teacher Tips

Be creative in thinking out ideas before class of how the children can serve using different props.



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Serving Apron

The children will make aprons to remind them to serve as Jesus served.

Materials

For each child:

- markers
- optional: decorative materials, stickers, etc.

For the teacher:

- fabric, sheet, old shirt, unbleached muslin or construction paper
- scissors
- utility knife
- yarn
- masking tape

Preparation

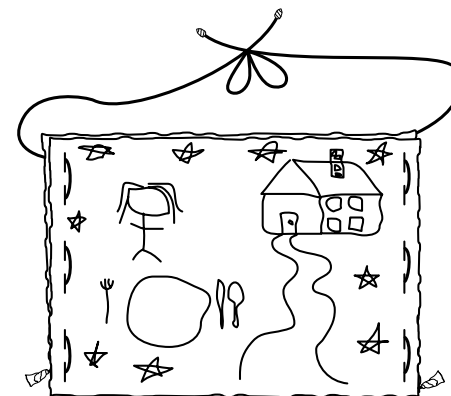
1. Cut the fabric into 12" x 9" pieces. Cut one piece for each child.
2. Fold each piece in half and make six slits along each side, see Figure A.
3. Prepare the yarn, see Figure B, as follows:
 - A. Cut two 2' pieces of yarn for each child.
 - B. Place tape tightly around one end of each piece of yarn making a "point" so that the yarn will be easier to thread through the fabric. See Figure B.
 - C. Place tape on the opposite end of each piece of yarn making a "stop" for the yarn.
5. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Wear the model of the craft to show to the children. *Our Bible story today is about how Jesus served his friends. He put a towel around his waist and he washed their feet. You are going to make an apron to wear around your waist. It has a special pocket for you to hold things to help others.*
2. Give each child a piece of fabric with the slits.
3. Have the children fold the fabric so that the slits are aligned.
4. Give each child two pieces of yarn and have them sew each side of their aprons closed. See Figure C. NOTE: The children may need help with this. Demonstrate how to thread the yarn through the slits using the pointed end.
5. After the aprons are sewn, have the children color them with markers.
6. Tie the aprons around the children's' waists.

Teacher Tips

If you use construction paper instead of fabric, be sure that the children are careful not to rip it. Have extra pieces prepared just in case.



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folded fabric

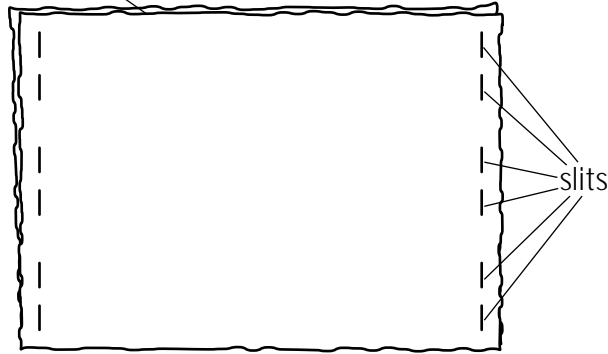


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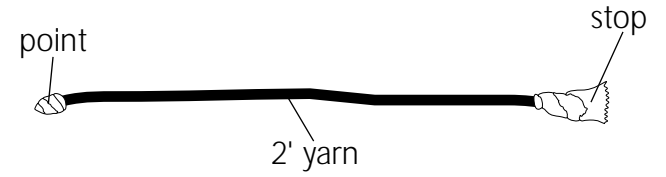


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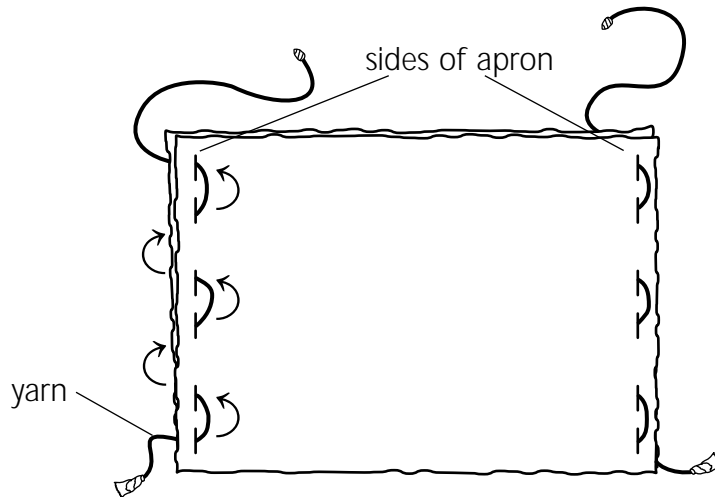
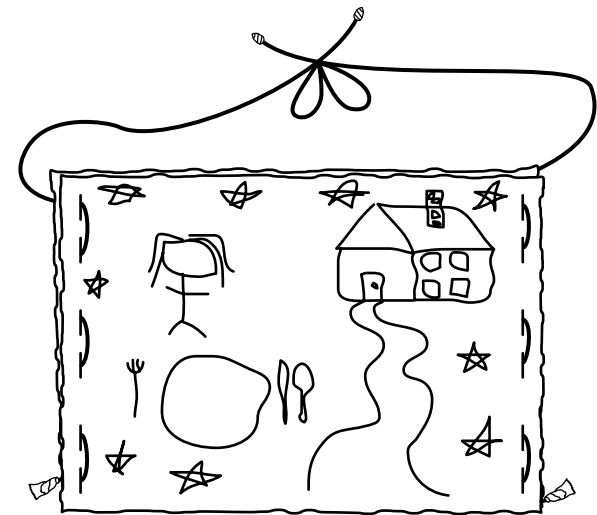


Figure C



Finished Craft





Pre class



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Help Your Friend

The children will practice helping each other.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 square of fabric, 6"
- 1 elastic band

For the teacher:

- raw beans or rice
- lively music

Preparation

Make a bean bag for each child as follows:

- Place a handful of beans in the center of each square of fabric.
- Bring the corners of the fabric together and secure them tightly with an elastic band.

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Help Your Friend

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Toe Tote

Craft: Sandal Book

Life Application: Props in Action

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.

Instructions

1. Have music playing as the children arrive. Give each child a bean bag to balance on his head.
2. Tell him to practice walking around the room keeping the bean bag on his head.
3. Gather a group of children and ask them to squat, take giant steps, turn, etc. while still balancing the bean bag on their heads.
4. If the bag falls off they have to "freeze" until another child picks up the bag and places it back on their head.

IMPORTANT: At the end of the activity give the bean bags to the Game Center teacher.

Conclusion

After a few minutes stop the music and ask how many children have helped someone with their bag. Praise those who have been helpers. Encourage everyone to be helpers.

Teacher Tip

- Play the game several times.
- Be sure to secure the elastic bands tightly. Do not fill the bags too full.
- You may want to use self locking plastic bags for the beans before wrapping them in cloth in case any elastic bands break.



Toe Tote

This game involves the children picking up beans or marbles with their toes and putting them into a bowl.

Materials

For the teacher:

- bean bags from the Preclass Activity
- 2 large bowls or basins

Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the game.

Instructions

1. Divide the children into two lines. Place two piles of bean bags about ten feet in front of each line. Place a large bowl next to each pile of bean bags.
2. *This is a game about helping. Remember the Bible story and how Jesus helped his friends? Yes, he helped by washing their feet. Today we are going to use our feet to help each other.*
3. Explain the game to the children as follows:
 - A. Have the first child in each line hold hands and walk quickly to the bean bags.
 - B. Each child picks up a bean bag with their toes and places it in the bowl.
 - C. The children must help each other and once they both have a bean bag in their bowls, have them join hands again and walk back to the end of their line.



Conclusion

Ask the children how they are doing serving and helping this week? Ask them to tell you how they helped their friends or families. Talk about how good it makes us feel and how it is fun to help others.

Teacher Tips

Help the children to work as a team.





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Sandal Book

The children will make foot shaped books to remind them to serve and help others.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of yarn, 15"
- 5 stickers
- markers or crayons

For the teacher:

- scissors
- hole punch
- stapler

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for each child
- Page C, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the books, sandal laces and memory verse boxes from the copies of Reproducible Pages B and C.
2. Punch two holes in each book as indicated by the circles on the copies.
3. Glue a sheet of five stickers to the back of each book.

Instructions

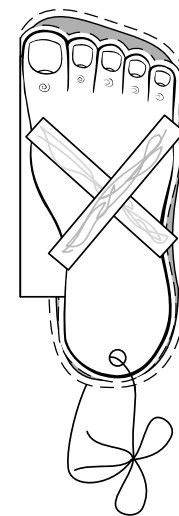
1. Give each child a book and have them fold it, as shown in Figure A, keeping the foot shape on the outside of the book.
2. Give each child two sandal laces and have them glue them on the top of the foot, making an "x". See Figure B.
3. Have the children glue their memory verse boxes inside their books. See Figure C. Explain to the children that each time they serve or help someone, they can put a sticker inside their books.
4. Give each child a piece of yarn to thread through the punched holes.
5. Tie the ends of the children's yarn together into a bow loose enough so the book can be opened.
6. Have the children color their books.

Conclusion

Talk to the children about serving. *Who can you serve or help this week?* If they have been to the Life Application center they have already chosen two people to serve.

Teacher Tips

Be sure to explain the stickers to the parents at the end of class so they can help their children to be successful.



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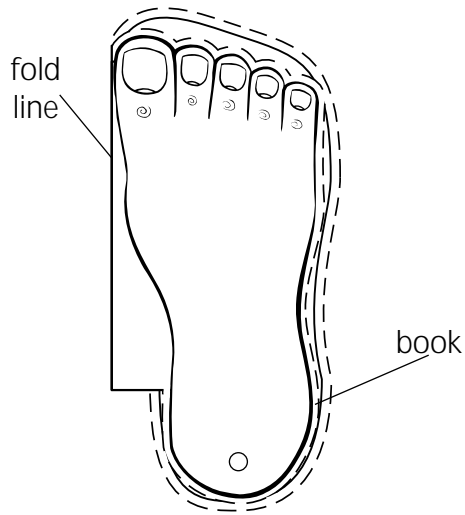


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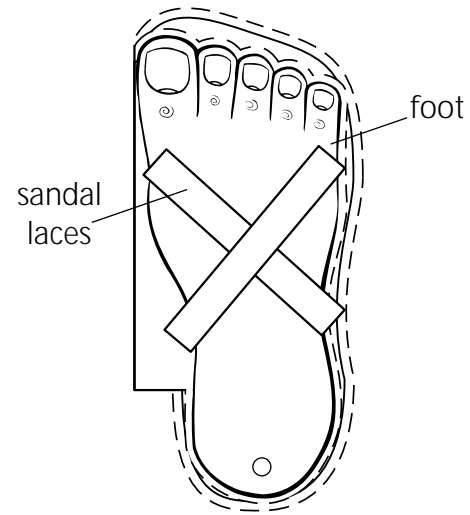


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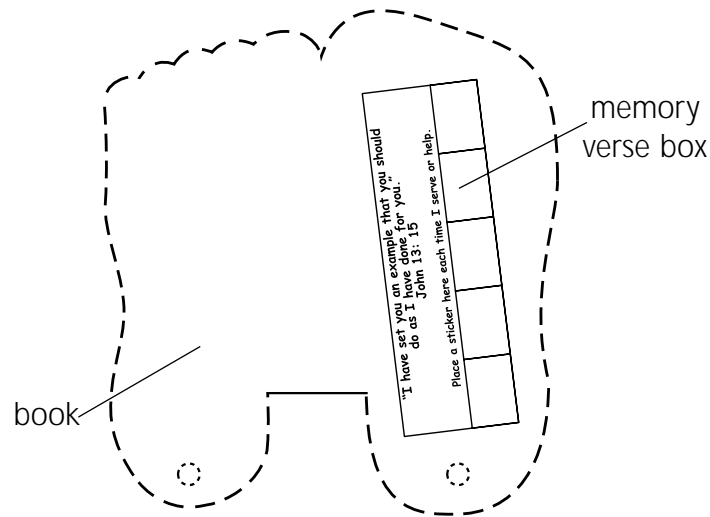
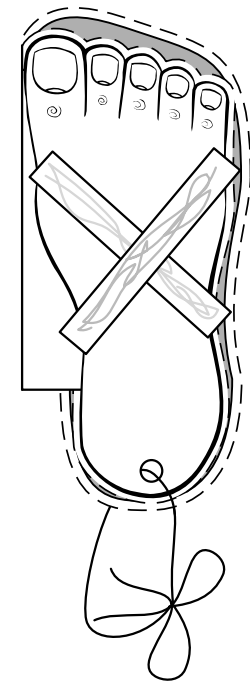


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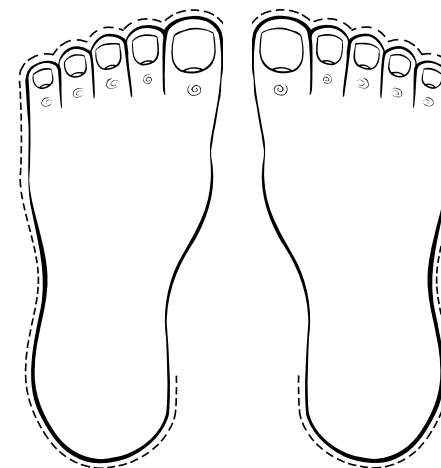
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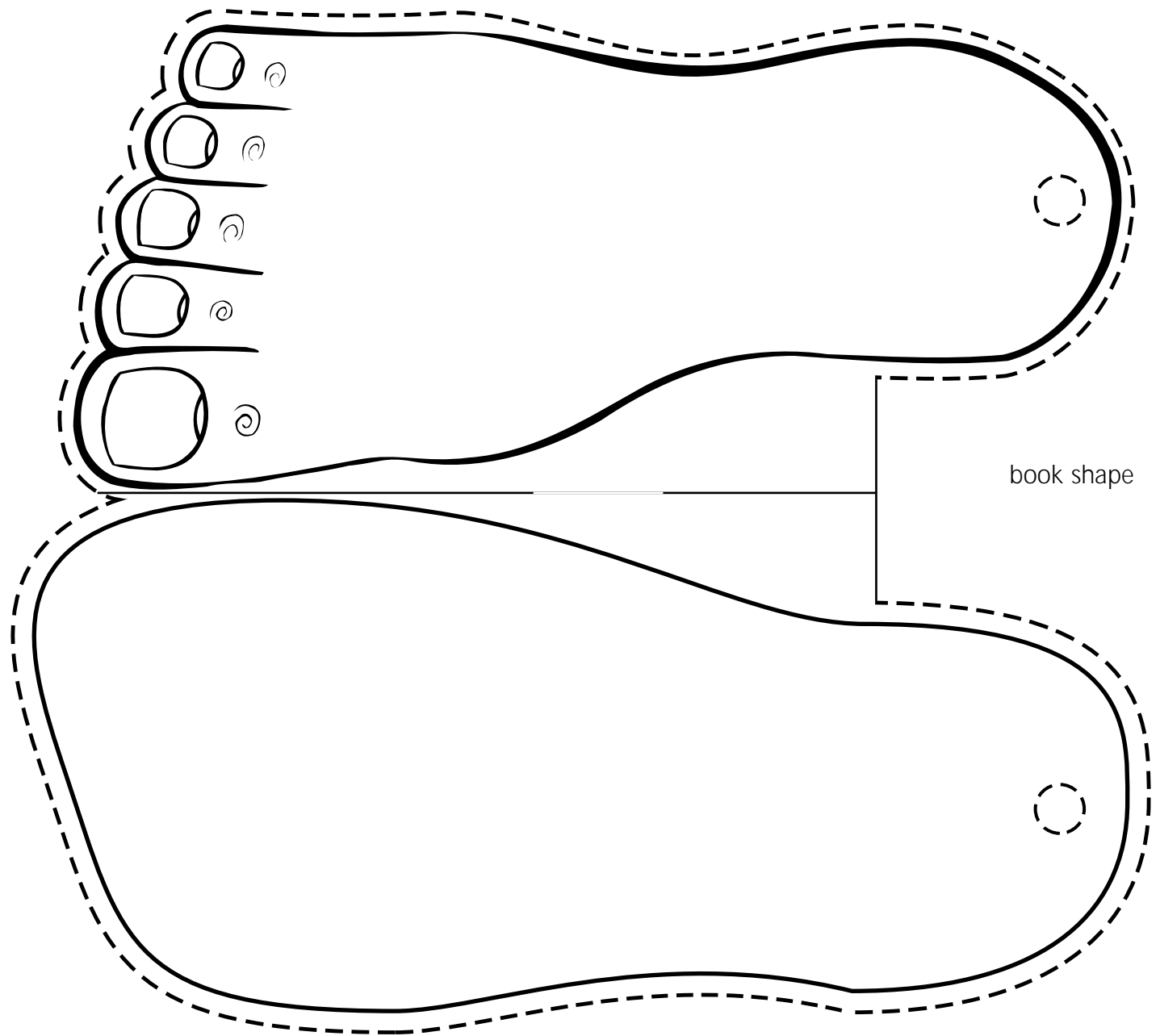
John 13:15



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B

Supplement/Craft
1 copy for each child

Friends of Jesus
Lesson 6



book shape



Supplement/Craft

1 copy for each child



sandal laces

<p>"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13: 15</p> <p>Place a sticker here each time I serve or help.</p>				

memory verse box

