

Application Activities

Select from the following choices. Each choice is designed for 20 minutes of small group time.

Pull It Together

Toothpicks, flour tortillas, sliced ham, sliced turkey, sliced cheese, mustard, mayonnaise, plastic knives, paper plates, napkins

- Post an allergy alert outside the door.

Teacher Tip

Prepare jelly tortilla rolls in order to provide a meatless snack.

Worship Through Arts and Crafts

- Encourage the children to share what they remember about the Bible story. Emphasize Jesus' kind and willing attitude toward serving others. Challenge the children to name positive results of serving others.
- Invite several volunteers to read aloud the key Bible verse from their Bibles.
- Explain to the children that they will make a snack called "Tortilla Rolls" to serve during Wrap-Up.
- Instruct the children to wash their hands.
- Place the ingredients on the table.
- Give each child a flour tortilla.
- Guide each child to choose ingredients to put on his tortilla, as though he were building a sandwich.
- Show each child how to roll his tortillas into a long cylinder.
- Help the children cut the rolls into 1-inch-long pieces and to insert a toothpick through each piece to keep it from unrolling.
- Make enough tortilla rolls for the entire class.
- Enlist the children's help in cleaning the area.
- Lead the children in a prayer, asking God's blessing on the snack and His help in finding ways to serve others this week.

Pull It Together

A variety of rhythm instruments

Worship Through Dramatic Play

- Assist the children as they locate and read aloud the following verses: Ephesians 6:7; Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10. Ask: "How are these verses alike?" Guide the children to understand that each verse tells about serving others.
- Encourage the children to share what they remember about the Bible story. Emphasize Jesus' kind and willing attitude toward serving others. Challenge the children to name positive results of serving others.
- Direct the children to form a circle.
- Explain that for this activity, the children will learn a rhythm to play together on the instruments. While playing the rhythm, they will take turns going around the circle naming ways to serve.
- Distribute the rhythm instruments.
- Demonstrate the following rhythm: tap, tap, pause, pause, tap, tap. Child 1: "Wash the dishes,"; tap, tap, pause, pause, tap, tap, Child 2: "Help a sick friend," and so forth all the way around the circle.
- Invite the children to create their own rhythms.
- Repeat the activity using rhythms created by the children.
- Lead the children in a prayer, thanking God for opportunities to serve others.

Pull It Together

Marbles, paper plates

Teacher Tip

Play another round using multiple marbles on each plate.

Teacher Tip

Looking for additional resources to enhance your teaching? Check out the *Levels of Biblical Learning* resources available at www.lifeway.com/levelsofbiblicalllearning.

Worship Through Games

- Encourage the children to share what they remember about the Bible story. Emphasize Jesus' kind and willing attitude toward serving others. Challenge the children to name positive results of serving others.
- Create two teams. Instruct each team to form a line.
- Provide the first team member in each line with a paper plate and guide him to hold it like a server, at shoulder height on top of his palm. Place one marble on each plate.
- Say: "When I give the signal, each team will begin serving the plate and marble from member to member. Each member must pass and receive the plate using the server's position. You must keep your free hand behind your back at all times. Let's see which team can be first to serve its plate and marble to the end of the line."
- Warn the children that if the marble falls off the plate, the passer and receiver must put the marble back on the plate and try again. Signal the teams to begin.
- Encourage the children to share what they found difficult about the race. Ask: "What can be difficult about serving others?" Affirm the children as they respond. Remind the children of the positive aspects they listed earlier. Assure the children that the rewards of serving others are worth any difficulty.

Pull It Together

Plastics basins, water, liquid soap, sponges, paper towels.

- Fill each basin about a quarter full of warm water.
- Add a little soap to each basin of water and mix.

Teacher Tip

Allow teams the option of washing a hand if a child is uncomfortable with having his foot washed.

Worship Through Exploration and Discovery

- Encourage the children to share what they remember about the Bible story. Emphasize Jesus' kind and willing attitude toward serving others. Challenge the children to name positive results of serving others.
- Say: "Let's experience what it might have been like when Jesus washed His disciples' feet."
- Form teams of two children. Provide each team with a chair, a basin of water, a sponge, and some paper towels.
- Encourage one child from each team to sit in the chair and remove one of his shoes and his sock. Guide the other team member to use the sponge to wipe and rinse the exposed foot over the basin of water.
- Lead the foot washer to use some of the paper towels to dry the foot.
- Invite the sitting team member to put his shoe and sock back on.
- Instruct the team members to swap positions and repeat the foot washing activity.
- Lead the children in cleaning the area and washing their hands.
- Gather the children together. Encourage them to express what it felt like to be a foot washer and to have their feet washed. Affirm their responses. Ask: "Do you think Jesus and His disciples had some of these same feelings?" Again, affirm the children's responses.
- Lead the children in a prayer, thanking God for Jesus' example of service.