

Jesus Washes Feet

John 13:1-17

The friends watched as Jesus got up from the table and tied a towel around his waist. Then Jesus poured water into a big bowl.

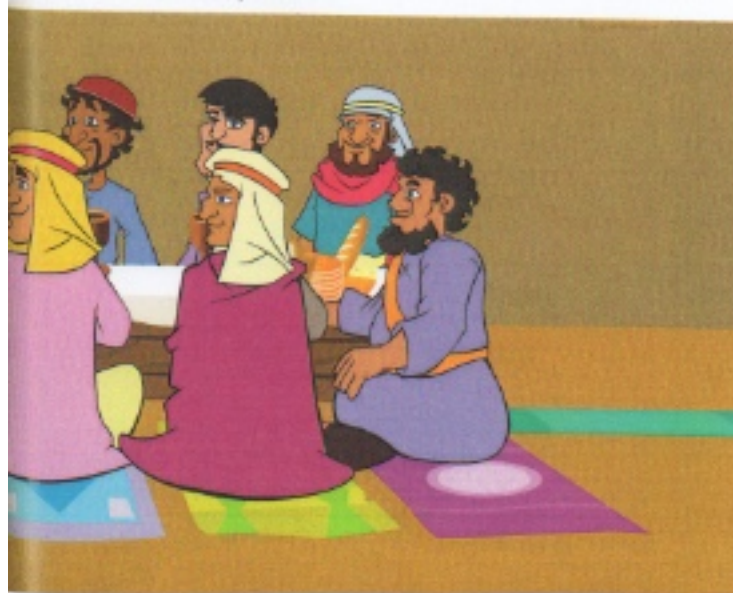
What is Jesus doing? thought the friends. The friends watched as Jesus began to wash their feet.






"Jesus, what are you doing?" asked Peter. "I don't want you to wash my feet. My feet are so dirty. Besides, it's the job of a servant to wash feet. It's not your job. You are our teacher!"

"Peter," said Jesus, "it is important that I wash your feet." So Peter let Jesus wash his dirty feet.



When Jesus finished washing everyone's feet, he took off the towel and put away the bowl of water. "Do you understand why I did the job of a servant and washed your feet?" asked Jesus.

"No," said Peter and his friends, shaking their heads.

"I wanted to show you God's love," said Jesus. "So even though I am your teacher, I did the job of a servant and washed your feet," said Jesus. "I want you to serve others. Helping others is one way to show God's love." 

How do you think Peter felt when Jesus washed his feet?

