



HOLY THURSDAY

Feet Washing



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It's Holy Week!

This year I purposed to make Holy Week meaningful for my kids and teach them about the love of Jesus in a tangible way. Here is one idea that has worked for me in the past; I plan to use it after we have a simple Passover meal. Want to join me?!

After the Passover meal, we will read the story of the Last Supper either from a favorite children's Bible or from John 13. Talk about the significance of Jesus' words and what was to come for Him and His disciples in the days to follow. Discuss what it meant for Jesus to wash the disciple's stinky, filthy feet, and how Jesus wants to wash our hearts clean in the same manner.

I want to use this opportunity to teach my children that Jesus wants them to be servants to others as well! Discuss ideas about how they can serve each other even when it is hard. Ask them to commit to serving others in the days leading up to Easter. What a wonderful way to begin a new habit!

Next, I let them know that I am going to wash their feet just as Jesus washed the feet of His best friends. I will have a chair and a basin of warm water all set up and will have some delicious-smelling soap and lotion on hand to make it a peaceful, relaxing time for each child.

As you wash their feet, speak words of love to each child, and remind them of the special gifts and talents the Lord has put in their heart. Maybe your child is especially kind, creative, or funny. Perhaps he or she is an excellent writer, pianist, or friend. The Lord can use gifts of every kind! Beforehand, make mental notes (or even write a little letter) of strengths the Lord has given your child so that you will be prepared. Let each child know that God is going to use their gifts to change the lives of others and impact eternity! Jesus loves your child so much and has amazing, unimaginable plans for their future!

This is such a fun thing to do, and my boys remember it from year to year. I let them wash each other's feet and mine too. Honestly, it usually ends with water everywhere, but also with hearts that are filled up and softened to the Lord. I hope you have a wonderful Holy Week my friends!

