

GOD OFFERS A NEW POSITION OF SERVANTS WHEN WE ARE SLAVES

BIG TRUTH: GOD OFFERS A NEW POSITION AS SERVANTS WHEN WE ARE SLAVES

Mark 10:44-45; Luke 17:9-10; Romans 6:12-19; 7:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Colossians 3:23-24; Timothy 3:3-7

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 6:22

“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become [bond servants] to God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.”

BIG IDEAS

- Our sin makes us slaves.
- The only way we can be set free from slavery is through Jesus.
- In Christ we are called to be servants to God.
- Servants live to serve their master.

BIBLE STORY: JOHN 13:1-20

Jesus came to the earth as a servant King. He did not come to be served, but to serve others. He taught His disciples how they should serve one another by serving them through the washing of their feet. Jesus offers us the opportunity to be servants instead of slaves.

STORY: NEW CREATION

Part of the beauty of the gospel is that God does not just rescue us from the power of sin, but He is also making everything new. God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus. This newness comes in two ways. The first is that by breaking the power of sin, Jesus is making men and women into brand new people with new identities. Second, God is not only making people new, but He is also going to make a new heaven and a new earth for us to live on and worship Him in.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God offers us a new relationship with Him through Jesus



Every child should feel:

- Valued by God because of the new relationship He offers



Every child should:

- Remember the sacrifice of Jesus that makes it possible to have a new relationship with God



Every child should want:

- To be a part of God's family as one of His holy, chosen people

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FREED TO SERVE

Help your child plan a meal one day this week. Help your child serve the meal to the family by setting the table, pouring the beverages, and serving the food. Jesus came to set us free and the freedom we have enables us to serve one another like He served us.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

John 13:1-20.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Being a servant doesn't sound like a lot of fun. We don't always like to serve others, but Jesus showed us how important it is that we do. As it grew closer to the day that Jesus would be arrested and then later crucified, He and His disciples met in an upper room. They were getting ready to observe the Passover and Jesus had something very important to teach them. He got up from the table, removed His outer clothes, took a bowl of water, and began washing His disciples' feet. Their feet were really dirty because they wore shoes that exposed their feet to the dirt and mud on the road. His disciples were surprised that He was washing their feet. Jesus, the King of the word was bending down and washing their dirty feet! They could hardly believe it. Peter didn't want Jesus to wash his feet, but Jesus told Peter an important lesson. Jesus didn't come to be served. He came to serve. Because Jesus is our King, we should seek to be like Him. He led by example in showing us how to serve others. Jesus was willing to do the dirtiest job to show His disciples love and how they should serve others. Jesus set us free from our sin so that we could serve one another in love. When we serve out of love, we are doing what Jesus did.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What did Jesus do for the disciples? (He washed their feet.)
- Why were the disciples surprised that He was washing their feet? (He is the King of everything. Washing feet would be a job for servants.)
- What was Jesus teaching His disciples? (He was teaching them that they should serve one another.)



As a family, memorize Romans 6:22 by dividing the verse into smaller sections, writing each section onto index cards and tape them up on the walls of a room in your house. Next, play a game of beanbag toss. When a person hits a designated spot with the beanbag, he or she gets to choose a card from the wall. When all of the cards have been chosen, put the verse together and say it out loud several times.



Use a large poster board to create a list of helpful tasks that each family member can do this week. Decide as a family which tasks would be helpful to each family member. Place a sticker or check mark next to a task when it is completed. At the end of the week talk with your child about how God sets us free to serve.



Gather together a bowl of water, soap, and a cloth. Wash your child's feet and then help her wash your feet. Talk with her about how Jesus served His disciples by washing their feet.



As a family, plan a service project, such as volunteering at the soup kitchen, gathering food for the food pantry, gathering clothing or supplies for your homeless shelter, or visiting the elderly in your church. Talk with your child about how God set us free through Jesus to serve one another.

Spend some time this week praying as a family, thanking God for setting us free to be servants.