



# Maundy Thursday

## John 13:1-15

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

## Some things to think about...

Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet?  
How do you follow Jesus' example as Mini Vinnies?

## Activity

Complete the "Following in the footsteps of Christ" worksheet on the SVP website with your Mini Vinnies group.

## Teacher's Notes

The Last Supper is the final meal Jesus shared with His disciples before He was arrested. During this meal, Jesus taught His disciples about serving others and showed them how to remember Him. He was celebrating the Passover with them but for the first time he said that the bread was His Body and the wine was His Blood. This moment is the foundation for the Christian practice of the Eucharist, where Catholics remember Jesus' love and sacrifice. It's also a reminder of the importance of love, friendship, and serving others.

Jesus is washing his disciples feet to show the importance of serving others. This is a big part of being a Mini Vinnie. The activity on the SVP website explores the link between this story and the Vincentian mission, getting the Mini Vinnies to think about how they can serve others just like Jesus.

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