

Acts of Worship

Virtue: Service

Gathering together

Focal point:

An image of Jesus as servant king, e.g. at the washing of the feet e.g.

Green cloth

Candle

Crucifix

Bowl of water and cloth

Word: Mark 10:45

Introduction. Can you name some of the titles Jesus was given? Majesty, King of Kings, Son of God, Son of Man etc.

Let's listen to the reading and think about what role Jesus thought He had.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people."

Response to/reflection on the Word

What role did Jesus think He had? (to serve others)

How did Jesus serve others? Examine the image of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. What message was Jesus trying to give us?

How can we serve others as Jesus did?

Read the lyrics to the hymn, 'The Servant King' as a form of prayer. Ask the children to listen carefully to the words.

Going forth

Ask children to think about Jesus being a servant and what He calls us to do.

Ideas for music:

The servant King: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrQiLEO4D5s>

Will you come and go with me?

The servant song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdmgpMfnjdU>

I am free to be the servant of the Lord:

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'Each of you should use the gifts God has given you to serve others.'

Response to/reflection on the Word

Talk about our gifts. What are they? (Take responses). Try to link with the virtues covered across the year, e.g. patience, love, kindness, perseverance, honesty etc.

How can the children use these to serve or help others?

Play reflective music.

Share with the children the reflection of St Teresa of Avila:

Christ has no body but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks

Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Give the children a few moments of reflection whilst they think about how they can be the hands, the feet, the eyes, the body of Christ.

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Give every child an outline of a hand. Ask the children to write what gifts or virtues they can use to serve others.

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