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## JOHN 13

# JESUS WASHES FEET AND PREDICTS DENIAL

**Scripture:** John 13

**Open:** Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

**Supplies:** Print outs (use thick paper for best results), spoons, peanut butter (or other nut butter for allergies), water, soap, wash basins.

### Ask:

- What happened in our story last week? (Jesus got anointed and then he entered Jerusalem on a donkey.)
- So this begins Passion Week or Holy week. Does anyone know what that is? (The final week before Jesus' death and resurrection)
- The rest of John will cover that week and after his resurrection.

**Read:** John 13:1-17

### Explain:

It was common in this time to have someone to wash people's feet as they came into your house. This is because the roads were dusty and often filled with filth and waste. Usually the lowest servant of all would wash the feet of the people. Here, Jesus takes on the lowest role and washes his disciples feet, even Judas, who he knew would betray him.

### Play a Game:

You can either have the kids wash one another's feet or play this game. We washed feet recently, so I wanted a different way to visualize the lesson.

We covered plastic spoons in peanut butter (or another nut butter if there are allergies) and had the kids clean them off in soapy water.

Divide the kids into two teams. Place spoons on one side of the room and soapy water basins on the other. Have the kids grab a spoon and run to the basin. Clean off the spoon, then run back. Alterations for the game: Place the spoons at the opposite end and have the kids lick them clean, or allow them only to use one hand while washing the spoons in the soapy water)

**Apply:**

Peter didn't yet realize what Jesus was doing. He didn't realize why Jesus was acting like a servant when he just came into Jerusalem as a King. But Jesus showed that a true king is willing to serve and obey his father. This is what is expected of us, too.

We might not wash people's feet, but we can help somebody do the chore that's the worst. We can be kind to someone who we don't feel deserves our kindness.

Also, it's important to know that Jesus must wash us. He was pointing forward to his death, knowing that his death and resurrection would wash the sins away of all who believe in him. This is available to everyone, but we must choose to let Jesus wash us. He cleans us from our sins when we ask. Let's take a minute and ask God to cleanse us. If he brings a sin to mind, ask him to forgive you. And rejoice, knowing that he is faithful and just to cleanse us from our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Read:** John 13:18-30

**Explain:**

Jesus knew that he was going to be betrayed, and he tells everyone outright. Do you think you would have been curious, too? Let's play a game to discover who the Betrayer is in our room!

**Play a Game:**

Play life-sized Guess Who. One person will go out in the hall. While in the hall, the leader will select someone to be the Betrayer. Then the kids will sit in rows. The student from the hall will reenter and have to ask yes or no questions to find out who the Betrayer is. Does the Betrayer have on green, etc.)

If you want to make it a competition and you have enough kids, you can have two kids go head to head and see who can guess the Betrayer first. (Obviously ensure the questions are kind)

**Read:** John 13:31-38

**Explain:**

Just as Jesus knew Judas would betray him, he also knew Peter would deny him-- which is really just another form of betrayal.

### **Play Rooster Crows Game**

Play a game with the cards below. Like Old Maid, hand out enough cards for everyone to have five or six (make sure you have the rooster and that every other card has its match). Then kids will pick from the person to their left. If they get a match, place it down, then the next person picks from their hand. Whoever is stuck with the crowing rooster, loses. Bonus: test the kids knowledge by having them explain what part of the Easter story their match represents.

**Memorize:** John 13:10

Close in Prayer



The Cross



The Cross



The Stone



The Stone



The Soldier's Spear



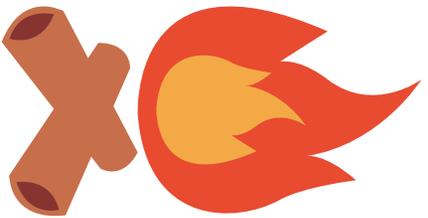
The Soldier's Spear



Roman Soldier



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Fire (Hint: Peter)



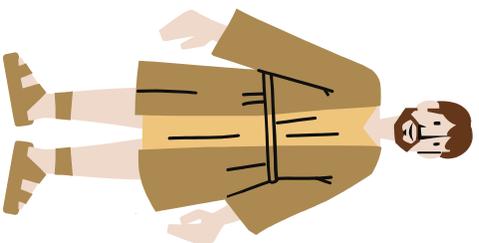
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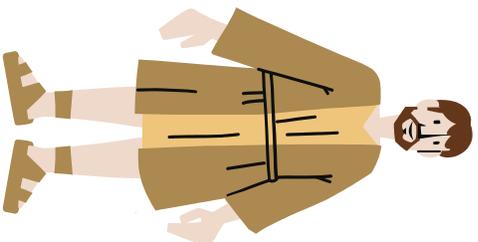
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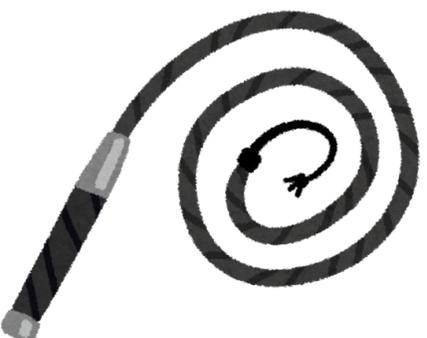
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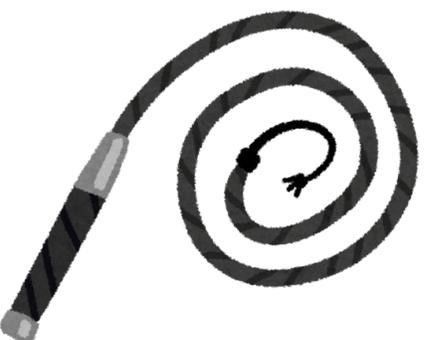
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Whip



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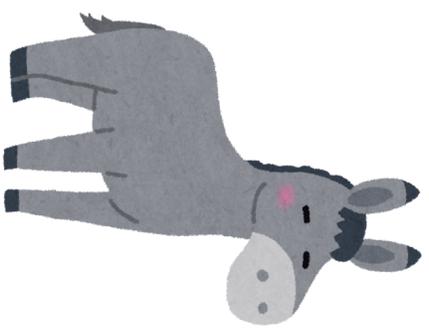
Garden of  
Gethsemane



Bread and Wine



Palm Branches



Donkey



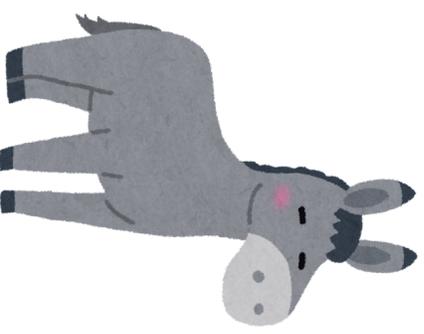
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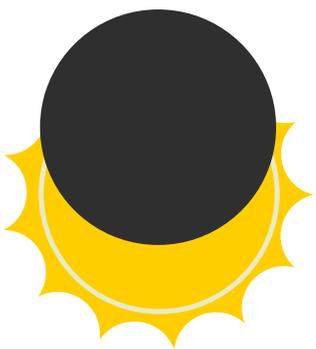
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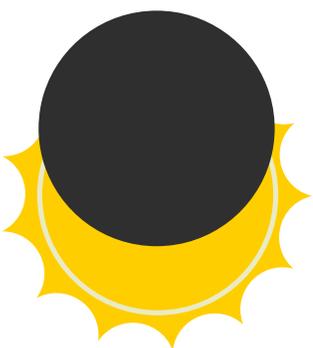
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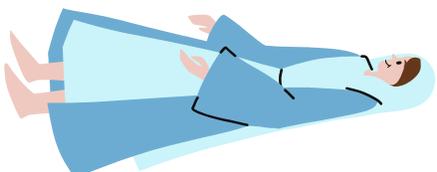
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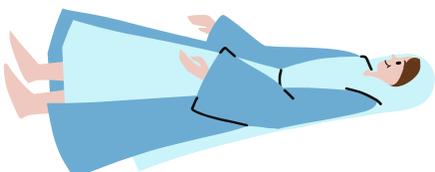
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Mary



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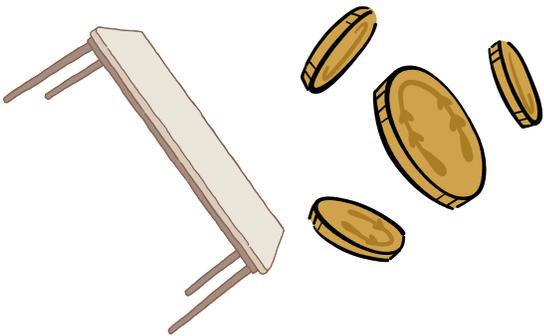
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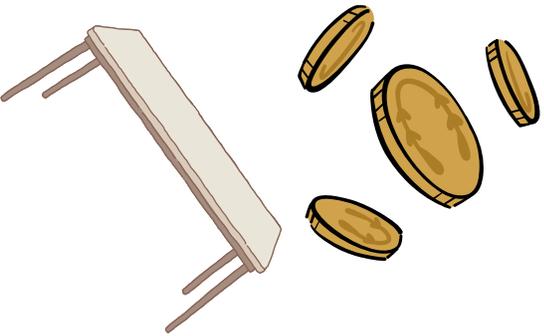
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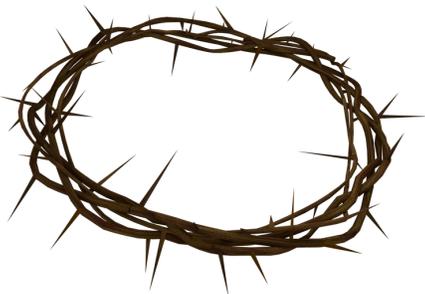
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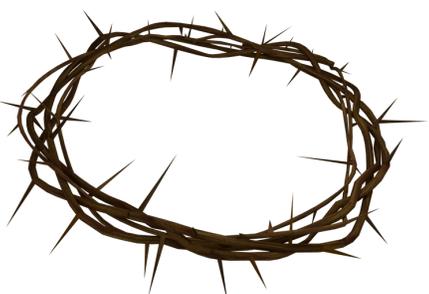
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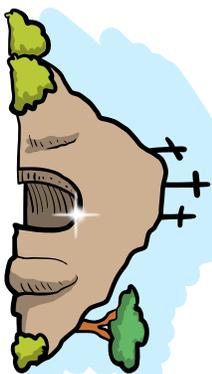
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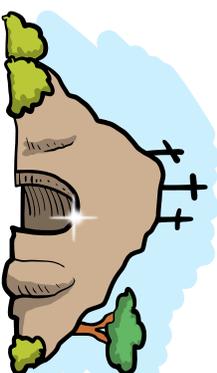
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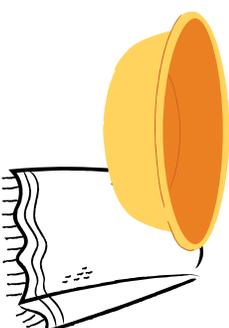
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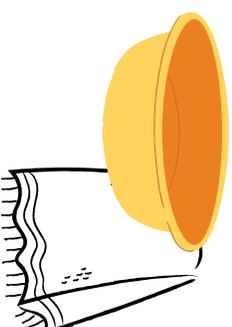
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Towle and Wash  
Basin



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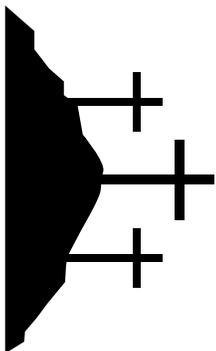
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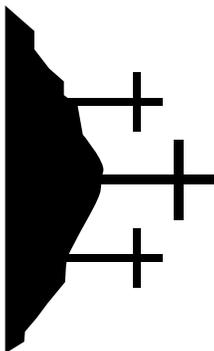
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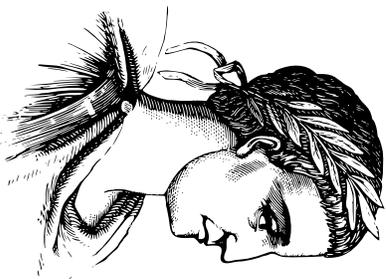
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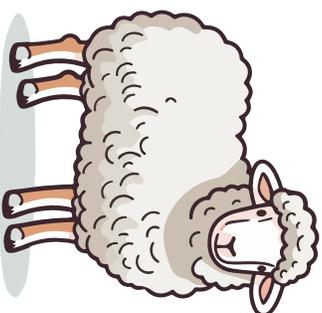
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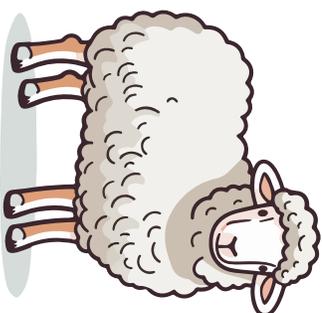
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Passover Lamb



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Crown



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Rooster