

The Big Three: Faith, Hope & Love! Week 8 Preach Guide

Prepare

Prepare your preach by reading the passages listed, praying, and then thinking of a creative way to hit the Key Point. Take a look at the <u>Program Overview</u> for context. You can use the illustration idea or come up with your own. Make sure you hit the key point and give a 'next step' practical application of that point. Only read 2-3 scriptures verbatim. Finally, have a 'ministry moment' where you give kids the opportunity to receive Jesus and/or pray for them around the topic.

Preach Length: 7-10 mins. For further support, see our Preach Guide.

Week 8 Preach: Love does not dishonour or boast

Scriptures

Share the story of <u>Jesus washing the disciples feet</u> in John 13:1-17 and the story of the <u>disciples</u> <u>arguing about who was the greatest</u> in Luke 22:24-27. Supporting Scriptures: Romans 12:9-10 (putting love into action!)

Desired 'Next Step':

That kids would love and serve others humbly, just as Jesus does!

KEY POINT: TO LOVE LIKE JESUS, WE SERVE OTHERS

One of Jesus' last acts before He was taken away to be crucified, was washing His disciples feet. What a strange thing to do, hours before his persecution! But Jesus, in this moment, was showing His disciples the way in which they should live: serving others! Now, do we have to wash everyone's feet? No! Jesus was demonstrating that our love and servant heart towards others, should be a reflection of how Jesus loves and serves us. The Bible encourages us to love with a genuine and sincere heart and that we are to outdo each other in showing honour (Rom. 12:9-10)! What a great way to live! Let's be people who are quick to serve and love unconditionally, just as Jesus does.

SUPPORTING POINTS

Supporting Point 1: Love does not boast.

Jesus could have boasted that He was the Son of God, and demanded people to honour and praise Him. But instead He chose to love and serve others. When Jesus washed the disciples feet (John 13:1-17), Peter was uncomfortable! He knew who Jesus was - He was too important to do something as lowly as washing feet! Jesus' example reminds us love doesn't boast, but seeks to serve!

Supporting Point 2: Love does not dishonour.

The disciples had an argument about who was the greatest (Luke 22:24-27)! The only way to have that argument is by listing why you're better than others and listing why others are NOT better than you. The only way to have that argument is to dishonour one another. But Jesus told the disciples that rather seeking greatness by considering yourself better than others, they should instead seek to serve others.

ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

Show a pair of flip-flops or sandals - they are very convenient in summer, easy to put on and easy to wear on sand! But your feet get FILTHY after a day of wearing them. Imagine how dirty they'd get without pavement! Washing feet was a job for the lowest of servants and yet Jesus made a point to wash His disciples' feet. Jesus did the lowest of jobs, but it was out of love for his disciples! Washing feet might not be how you love and serve someone, but let's think about how we are going to love others this week!