

WASHING feet

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Jesus wanted to teach his helpers how a real leader should act towards others, by serving and helping them.



Jesus and his helpers had a special meal together. Then Jesus wanted to teach them that a leader looks after others.



He got a bowl of water and a towel. "I am going to wash your feet," Jesus said. His friends were surprised.



Jesus knelt down and began to gently wash their dirty feet and dry them on a towel.



Peter was upset. "Why are you doing a servant's job? You are our important leader!" he said.



But Jesus was showing them that a good leader isn't too important to do anything for other people.



It was Peter's turn. "You will NEVER wash MY dirty feet," said Peter. "But I am being your true friend," said Jesus.



"Then wash my face and hands as well! I want to learn how to look after other people, they way you do," said Peter.