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LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 4



FOR THE LEADER

In this lesson, we will learn that Jesus modeled what it means to be a servant.

KEY POINT

With God's help, I will be a servant to other people.

KEY VERSE

“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.” **Mark 10:43–45**

Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*.

REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys' sheet.

- Answers will vary but should include the idea of putting others' needs ahead of our desires.
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MATERIALS & PREP

Prepare a copy of the Student Handout for each boy.

- Water, towels, and tubs for washing feet

Read the lesson in advance, taking note of the main points. Be prepared to present the lesson to your group, but avoid reading it word for word. Include discussion with the group to make it more enjoyable for everyone.

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 4



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READ

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. (John 13:1–5)

Imagine yourself walking down a dusty dirt road in ancient Israel. Animals travel the road each day. Sometimes it rains and the roads turn to mud! You are wearing sandals. They let your

feet collect muck and dirt from the road.

Now it's time to go into a house and eat. In ancient Israel, it was important to wash your feet before going to the table. To eat a meal without washing your feet first would be viewed as gross.

In most houses, it was the job of the host to be sure the guests' feet were washed. Usually this job fell to the host's servant. Washing feet was dirty and humiliating. Only the lowest slave would be forced to do such a task.

The disciples came in for dinner at the Last Supper. They knew everyone's feet needed to be washed, but none of them moved to do the job. No one wanted to take the job of the servant.

Then Jesus stepped in. He took off His good outer clothing, filled a basin with water, and knelt down to wash His disciples' feet. He took on the job.

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The disciples must have shifted in their seats. Maybe they were embarrassed. Peter voiced his objection. But Jesus knew He had to model what it really meant to be a servant. He was the greatest Lord who ever walked the earth, yet He was also the lowest servant.



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- What does it mean to be a servant?
- What attitudes prevent us from serving others like Jesus did?
- What are some ways that you can serve other people this week?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank You for showing me what it means to serve others. Help me this week to follow Your example and be a good servant to everyone that I meet. Amen.



RESPOND

Find a partner and pray for him.

Remember to read your Bible this week using the Bible reading plan of your choice. The Fire Bible: Student Edition provides a reading plan that follows a two-year design for reading the entire Bible. Follow that reading plan in order to earn the green Bible Reading merit.