**Resource Sheet 2**

The Washing of the Feet

**(John 13:2–9, 12–15)**

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**You will need:**

* Length of white ribbon to use as a story timeline.
* **Visual Set: K.2B ‘Washing of the Feet’** (note: whilst visualsare the same as K, the script is different. This is also available on CD ‘K-1 Religious Education Visual Sets’ (available from CEO, Sydney).

1. Jesus takes bowl and towel

2. Jesus pours water into a bowl

3. Jesus washes the disciples’ feet

4. Simon Peter protests

5. Jesus washes Peter’s feet

6. Jesus explains what he has done

* Bible

*Children are seated in a semi-circle ready to listen to the story. When the children are settled, go to the shelf and carry the materials as you would the Bible. Place these beside you.*

*Place class Bible in front of you with your hand on it.*

**This story comes from the Bible, our sacred Scriptures and is in the Gospel of John.**

*Place Bible beside you. Roll the white ribbon in front of you.*

**White is the colour priests wear at their ordination. It is also the colour worn at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper when this story is re-enacted. The story is about Jesus, just before he died. He knew that he had come from God and was going to God.**

*Hold Visual 1 in front of you.*

**He was at supper with his friends when he got up from the table, took off his outer robe and tied a towel around himself.**

*Place Visual 1 on the purple ribbon to your far right facing the children.*

*Hold Visual 2 in front of you.*

**Then he poured water into a basin**

*Place Visual 2 on the left of Visual 1.*

*Hold Visual 3 in front of you.*

**and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.**

*Place Visual 3 on the left of Visual 2.*

*Hold Visual 4 in front of you.*

**He came to Simon Peter who said, “Lord are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing but later you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.”**

*Place Visual 4 on the left of Visual 3.*

*Hold Visual 5 in front of you.*

**Jesus answered, “If I don’t wash you, you have no share with me.”**

**Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!”**

*Place Visual 5 on the left of Visual 4.*

*Hold Visual 6 in front of you.*

**After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe and returned to the table, he said, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, that is what I am. So if I your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For, I have set you an example that you also should do.”**

*Place Visual 6 on the left of Visual 5.*

*Pause quietly for a moment, and then begin to wonder together.*

* ***I wonder why Peter refused to let Jesus wash his feet.***
* ***I wonder why he changed his mind and said “Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!”***
* ***I wonder what Jesus wanted to teach his disciples by washing their feet.***
* ***I wonder what we can do to follow Jesus’ example.***
* ***I wonder why this is a special reading for deacons, priests and bishops.***

*Carefully pack story materials into storage box and put on shelf. Ensure that children are watching so they know how to pack the materials away and where to find them.*