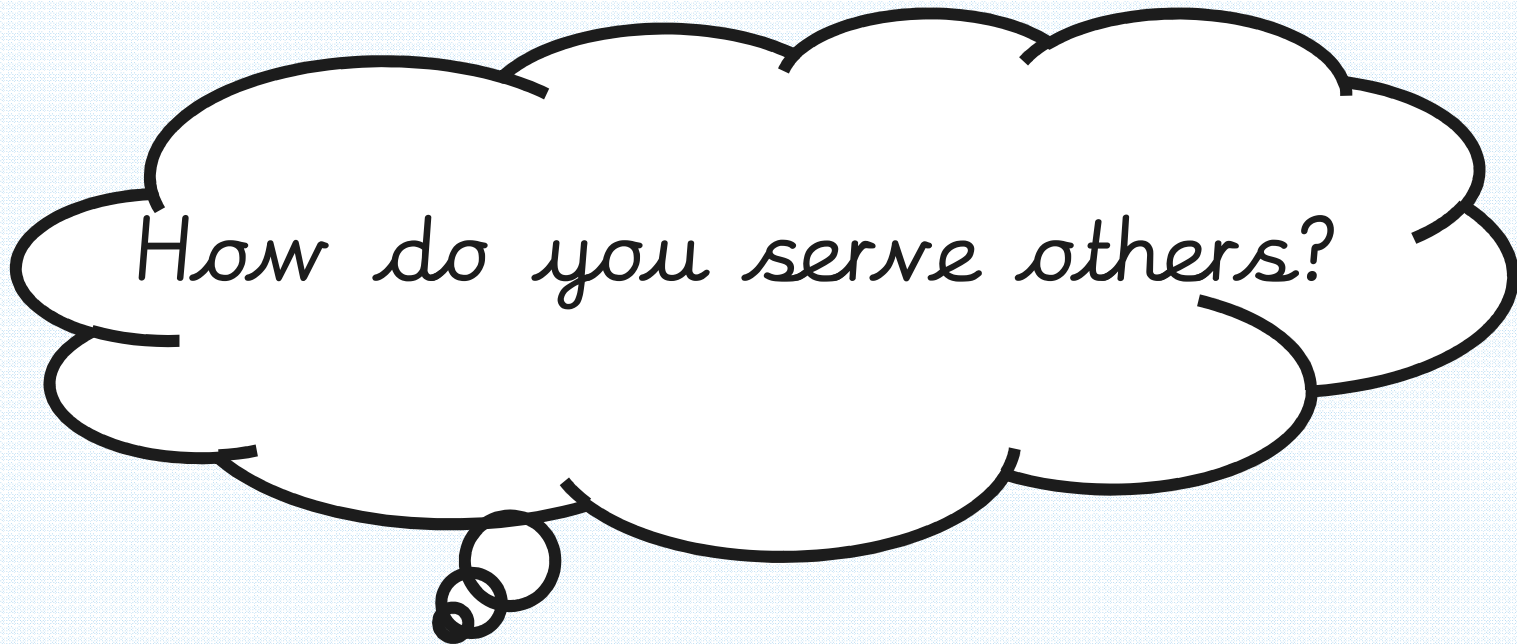




L.O. To reflect and respond on the Christian value,
'Service'

What is Service?

Jesus said, "I am among you as he that serveth" (Luke 22:27). As true followers of Jesus, Christians believe that they must serve others. Service is helping others who need assistance. Christlike service grows out of genuine love for the Saviour. God taught Christians that they must be kind and serve one another, just as Jesus served him.



How do you serve others?



Jesus Washing his Disciples Feet

Jesus invited his followers for supper. As was a custom in those times, before the supper started, Jesus stood up to wash the feet of all of his guests. His followers were very surprised as normally this was done by the servant. Peter was very shocked and taken aback to see his master performing such a lowly task. When his turn came, Peter loudly said, "I cannot let you wash my feet, my Lord!" To this, Jesus replied, "You will not understand this right now. But if you do not let me wash your feet, then you cannot truly belong to me Peter." Peter said, "I have understood very well my Lord and Master! Please, wash my feet, in fact wash my face too!" Jesus replied by saying, "That will not be needed Peter as you are clean but not all who are present here are!" Jesus had a strong feeling that someone among his followers would betray him. At the end of the washing of his disciples feet, Jesus said to them that he had given all of them an example. He said that if he could perform such a lowly task and wash their feet, then they too should be prepared to wash each other's feet.

Jesus had shown great service to his followers.

Foot washing was a basic practice of hospitality in the Middle East. You can find examples of this in several Old Testament passages. You can just imagine how dirty their feet got as they were walking around the desert with only sandals on or bare feet!

Typically a servant would be presented to the guests as they entered a home to wash the feet of the guests. In this story, Jesus takes on the role of a lowly servant with his disciples. This would have greatly shocked them all. They would not have expected their leader to wash their feet. This is why Peter objected so strongly to Jesus doing this for them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRTjb4tYKZ4>

Showing service means that you do something for someone else for no personal gain. In life people pay for service all the time! Building services, hotel and waiter service, hospital service, service from teachers etc! Christians believe that true service is not for profit, it is purely to help someone else.

Can you think of a time when you have shown service towards someone?

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R- What is happening in the painting?

I- Why are the disciples shocked at what Jesus is doing?

C- Why has Jesus chosen to wash his disciples feet?

Next Step

How can you show service?

You could volunteer to help a good cause.

Raise money to charity.

*Be kind and helpful to others around school e.g.
help each other in the playground, in lessons*

Open doors for adults

Help your parents at home with chores