

## Leader's Notes: Be Humble, Serve Others Gathering

1. Start off the gathering with three activities for the whole group – adults & kids together
  - **Activity 1** Sing *The Banana Song* (or any other kids song that has actions and get everyone involved) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVdu\\_EsDkdE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVdu_EsDkdE)
  - **Activity 2** Have everyone take off their shoes and socks and (using baby wipes), 'wash' each other's feet. Encourage everyone to have a turn at washing another person's feet and having their feet washed
  - **Activity 3** Read a story about someone who learned that pride & power are not the way to go. We read, 'The Tower' by Richard Paul Evans
2. After these activities have been completed, ask people to divide into small groups for discussion time (can have adults & older kids mixed).
  - Give out handout sheet (on next page) with discussion questions and Bible verses aligned to each of the activities

Younger primary/pre-school can be in one group (with an adult supervising) and have the Bible verse/colouring handout.
3. Bring all groups back together and show a slideshow of images of Jesus serving with a song playing (can be made fairly easily by 'googling images').
  - Allow time for quiet reflection and/or communion together

# HUMILITY

Think about the three things we have just been doing and talk with your group about your experiences.

Read the Bible verses (below) for each activity and then discuss these questions:

- How does this relate to Jesus' teaching on humility?
- What have you learned about yourself?
- What have you learned about God?

## #1: Banana Song

*Matthew 18: 1-5*

*About this time the disciples came to Jesus and asked him who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>2</sup> Jesus called a child over and had the child stand near him. <sup>3</sup> Then he said: I promise you this. If you don't change and become like a child, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> But if you are as humble as this child, you are the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And when you welcome one of these children because of me, you welcome me.*

## #2: Washing Feet

*John 13:3-8*

*<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that he had come from God and would go back to God. He also knew that the Father had given him complete power. <sup>4</sup> So during the meal Jesus got up, removed his outer garment, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> He put some water into a large bowl. Then he began washing his disciples' feet and drying them with the towel he was wearing.*

*<sup>6</sup> But when he came to Simon Peter, that disciple asked, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"*

*<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You don't really know what I am doing, but later you will understand."<sup>8</sup> "You will never wash my feet!" Peter replied. "If I don't wash you," Jesus told him, "you don't really belong to me."*

## #3: "The Tower" by Richard Paul Evans

*Philippians 2:3-8*

*<sup>3</sup> Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Care about them as much as you care about yourselves <sup>5</sup> and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought:<sup>[a]</sup>*

*<sup>6</sup> Christ was truly God. But he did not try to remain<sup>[b]</sup> equal with God.<sup>7</sup> Instead he gave up everything<sup>[c]</sup> and became a slave, when he became like one of us. <sup>8</sup> Christ was humble. He obeyed God and even died on a cross.*