

Lesson #4-24***Following the Servant***

John 13:1-17

**Key Verse:**

“For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”
John 13:15

The Point:

Jesus demonstrates how we should love and serve one another.

Unit Theme (February 14 - March 4):

Following Jesus

Not One Is Greater

Changing status reminds us that no one is greater.

Supplies:

> None

Instructions:

1. **Who knows how to play “Rock, Paper, Scissors?”** [*Demonstrate if not everyone knows how.*]
 2. **We are going to add a twist today. All of us are going to play. We will each find a partner. Alright, now the twist:**
 - a. **Everyone begins as a coconut. Squat down as a ball on the floor. Do a round of rock, paper, scissors.**
 - b. **Everyone find someone with the same status (coconut or tree). Play another round.**
 - c. **The winner of tree vs. tree becomes a volcano, and the loser stays a tree. Volcanoes walk around with arms moving above their head like a volcano erupting.**
- The winner becomes a tree, but the loser stays a coconut.**
Trees stand up with your arms out as branches.

Not One Is Greater (Cont.)

- d. Everyone find someone with the same status (coconut, tree, or volcano). Play another round.
 - e. The winner of volcano vs. volcano becomes royalty, and the loser stays a volcano. Royalty walk around giving royal waves.
 - f. Everyone find someone with the same status. Play another round.
 - g. The winner of royalty vs. royalty stays royalty, the loser becomes a coconut.
3. While this might sound confusing, once people get the hang of it, it moves quickly and could go on for days, continue playing as long as you would like.
4. **Throughout history, many societies, including our own, have put a great deal of emphasis on status: who is coconut, tree, volcano, or royalty. Who is servant, who is master. Who is follower, who is leader. Jesus' reminds us that this is not important. Instead, what is important is how we all serve one another.**



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