

# God's gifts for serving.

God cares for you and me. God gave each of us special gifts to share with each other. Serving is how we can show our love for God and for each other.

Some deaconesses use their gifts for others by playing the piano, visiting sick people, making dinner, teaching the Bible, or by being a good friend.

**What gifts do YOU have for helping others?**

(Finish these sentences.)

I am good at \_\_\_\_\_

I show God's love for others by \_\_\_\_\_

Some ways I am like a deaconess are \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to get a letter from a deaconess, send your name, address, and birthdate (month, day, year) to:

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# DEACONESS

## What's that?



Deaconesses serve...  
To make a difference today!  
Kindergarten and up

# Jesus taught us to serve.

People's feet get dirty. They can get smelly, too. In Jesus' time, the servants had to wash those dirty, smelly feet.

One time, Jesus took a bowl of water and a towel, and washed his disciples' feet. He acted like a servant.

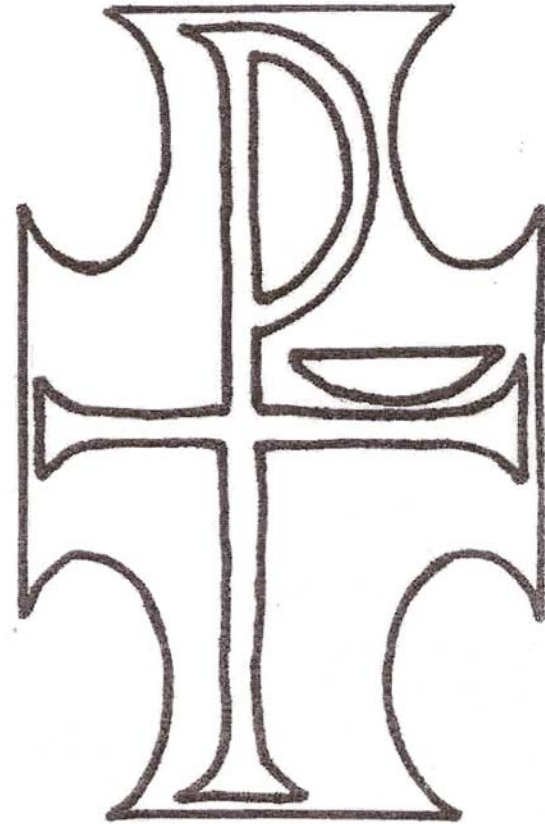
Jesus taught us that even small jobs can be done with **GREAT** love.



Color the picture of Jesus washing feet.

# Jesus invites us to serve.

Deaconesses wear a pin that looks like this. Have fun coloring the deaconess pin.



Can you see the bowl in the picture? Remember the story about how Jesus used a bowl of water to serve?

Deaconesses want to serve like Jesus did. This pin helps them remember that they are Jesus' servants, too.