

Called to Help
Acts 6:1-7

Praise & Worship: This Little Light of Mine - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ty9bZXN4uWA>
Oh, How I Love You Jesus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNUfOJjgqf0>

Scripture References: Acts 6:1-7

Memory Verses of Power (MVP): Then the word of God spread. Acts 6:7a (Studio 3k/K)

Then the word of God spread and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. Acts 6:7 (Clubhouse-Elementary)

Scripture Summary: A dispute threatens unity in the church, but God provides an answer through helpers.

1. Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food. (v.1)
2. The apostles gathered all the disciples and informed them that seven men should be selected to ensure proper care of the widows. This decision would allow the apostles to focus on prayer and preaching the gospel. (v.2-4)
3. Seven men were selected including Stephen, a man full of faith. The apostles laid hands on these men and prayed for them. (v.5-6)
4. The word of God spread and new believers were added to the church including many priests. (v.7)

The Lesson: We learned that God poured out the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The apostles preached the gospel and performed mighty miracles. Many people received Christ as their Savior, and they lived and fellowshiped together in unity. Sadly, arguments started over providing charity to poor widows. The Jews, who spoke Greek, felt that their widows were neglected in favor of the widows of the Jews who spoke Hebrew. The apostles felt that they must continue preaching the gospel so they decided that seven men should be assigned to fairly provide for the needs of all the widows. This wise decision kept the believers united, and the apostles continued preaching the gospel. Today our churches continue to select qualified helpers to solve all sorts of problems and meet all kinds of needs. We call these qualified helpers deacons. You may not be a deacon, but you can do your part to keep peace with your friends at church by treating others the way you would like to be treated. You can also help in various ministries in the church.

Discussion Thoughts:

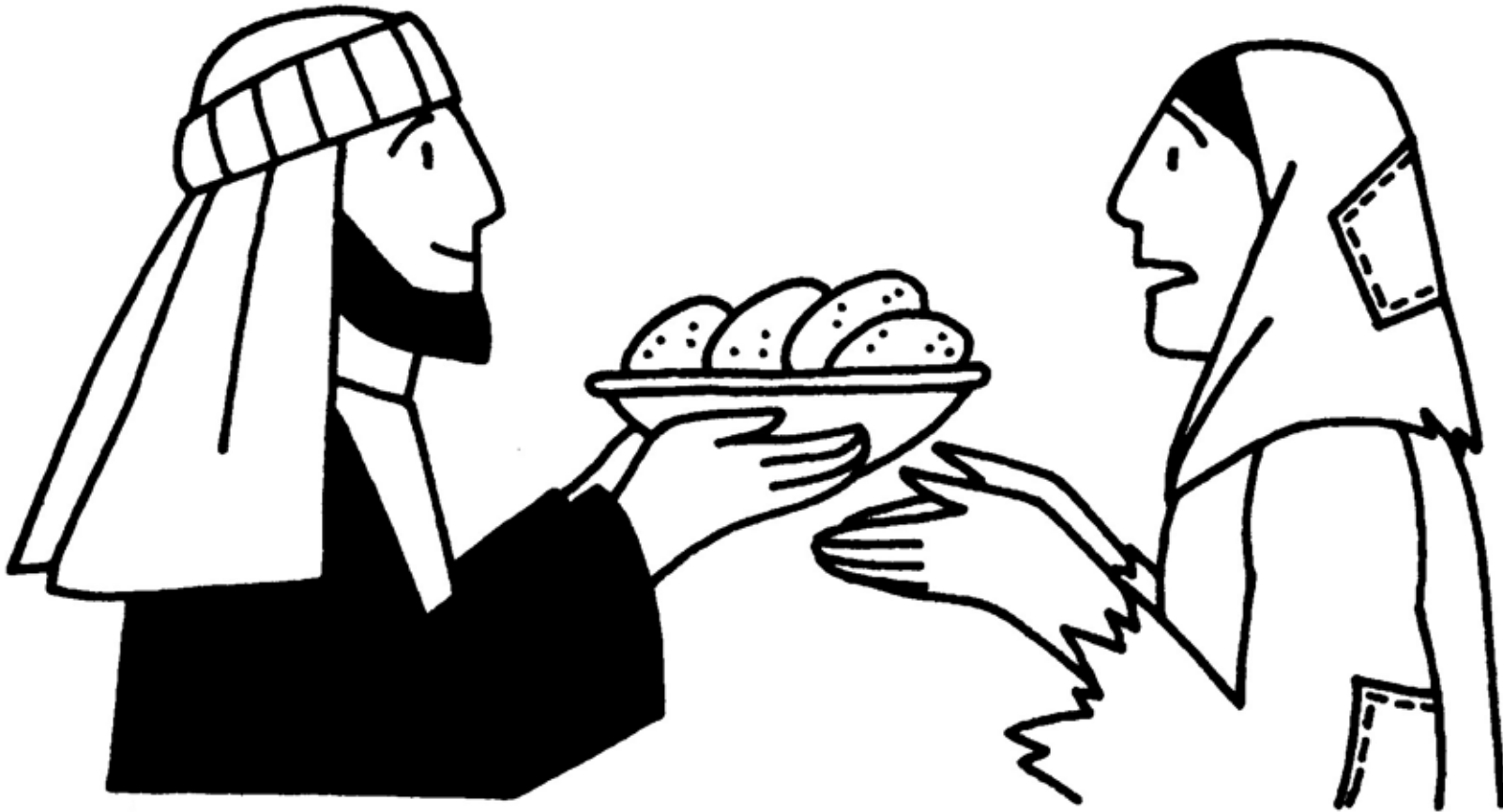
1. How can we maintain unity in our churches with people that are not like us?
2. What happens when we have a problem and we do nothing to correct it?
3. Are you called to help? How can you help out at church?
4. Why do our churches still have deacons today?

Encouragement: While it is true that deacons have special qualifications to help, we are all called to help and serve in order to reach our world for Christ. You are never too young or old to help to share God's love with someone. You may be an usher, a greeter, teacher, janitor, intercessor, pastor's aid. Ministries are endless.

Object Lesson: Think of 2 or 3 tasks at home that someone in the house usually does. Instead of them doing them, you do the tasks. When you help them, they have time to do other tasks that maybe you are not able to do, and everyone is blessed.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to be an effective helper and servant for You to enable the gospel to go forth!

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Trace and color your hands in this space as a reminder you are called to help.

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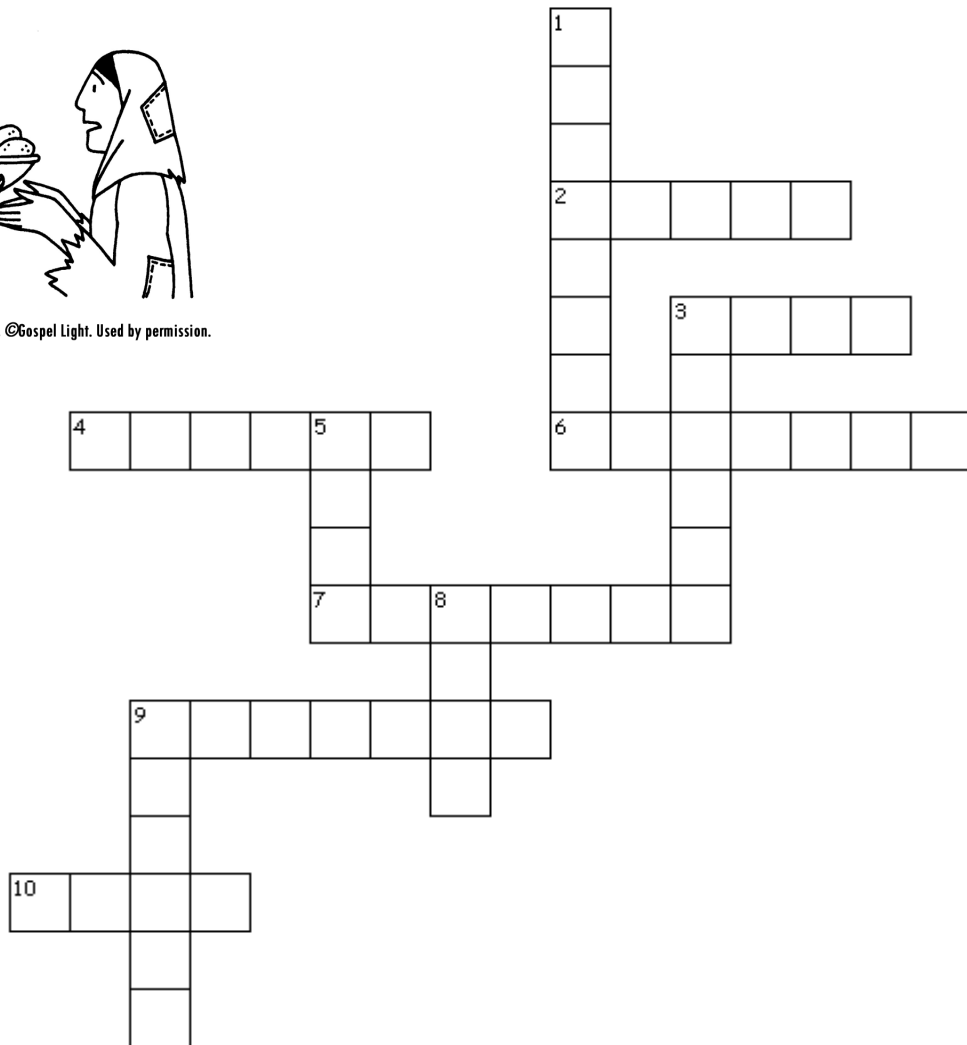


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Across

2. The number of men chosen to serve as deacons.
3. The men chosen had to have a _____ reputation.
4. These people were neglected.
6. He was full of the Holy Spirit and Wisdom.
7. What were the men called who served?
9. Many of these leaders believes.
10. What the Apostles did.

Down

1. Who preached the gospel?
3. They were upset with the Hebrews.
5. The _____ of God spread.
8. From which book of the Bible is the lesson taken?
9. The other activity the Apostles did.

Possible answers

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| Apostles | Pray |
| Seven | Deacons |
| Word | Priests |
| Stephen | Widows |
| Greeks | Good |
| Acts | Preach |

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