



## **The Church Handled a Problem (Acts 6)**

Dear families,

Acts 6 relays a time when a complaint within the church led to an opportunity for delegation and good deeds. As the apostles continued spreading the word of Jesus and His resurrection, more people began to believe the good news and the church grew in number. Amid this growth, the task of caring for the Hellenistic widows was being neglected.

How did the apostles handle this complaint between the different groups of believers in their church? How did they choose to pursue unity despite the different needs and giftings of those in their community?

In this chapter, we witness how the apostles chose not to ignore the critiques of the Hellenistic Jews. Instead, the members of the Twelve sought to bring more individuals into service opportunities for God's glory—a proposal that pleased the whole church. From this newfound service initiative came the deacon ministry!

The apostles' approach to this complaint was rooted in their desire for unity within the body of Christ and the proclamation of the gospel. They instructed the church to select seven men of good character, sound wisdom, and obedience to the Holy Spirit to care for the widows in need of help. With this delegation of duties, the disciples could continue their work of prayer and preaching the Word. As the deacons served and the apostles preached the Word, the gospel reached even further, and a large group of priests came to faith in Jesus.

Help kids see how they can serve within their church—even now as children! Explain how your work as a Bible study leader is fulfilling the Great Commission in this moment! We all have the important job of sharing God’s Word with others. God is pleased by our obedience and service and may choose to use it to take the gospel even further.

Check out *The Gospel Project At Home* for resources designed to help you lead a family worship experience as well as suggestions for morning and evening prayer times and family activities.

## FAMILY TALKING POINTS

### CHRIST CONNECTION

*This is the big idea of how this week’s Bible story points to Jesus.*

- **Babies & Toddlers:** We can serve others so people all over the world can hear and believe the good news about Jesus.
- **Younger Preschool:** Everyone in the church has an important job to do to serve God’s people and help spread the gospel. Jesus wants us to serve others so that people all over the world can hear and believe the news of His death and resurrection.
- **Older Preschool:** Jesus’ friends believed that everyone in the church had an important job to do to serve God’s people and help spread the gospel. Jesus wants us to serve others so that people all over the world can hear and believe the news of His death and resurrection.
- **Kids:** The apostles believed that everyone in the church had an important job to do to serve God’s people and help spread the gospel. Jesus wants us to serve others so that the message of His death and resurrection can be heard and believed all over the world.

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER

*This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.*

- **Younger Preschool:** Why did Jesus become a person? Jesus became a person to rescue sinners.
- **Older Preschool:** Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.
- **Kids:** Why did Jesus become human?

### KEY PASSAGE

*This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit.*

- **Babies & Toddlers:** Jesus took our punishment. Isaiah 53:5
- **Younger Preschool:** Jesus took our punishment. Isaiah 53:5
- **Older Preschool:** Punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds. Isaiah 53:5

- **Kids:** He was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds. Isaiah 53:5

**\*\* Next week:** Stephen Was Arrested (Acts 6–7)

# Serve One Another

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw a picture of how you can serve someone you know such as helping your parents, sharing the gospel with a friend, or baking cookies for a neighbor.



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## The Church Handled a Problem

### BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- As the church grew, a problem arose. The Greek-speaking Jews thought the widows were not receiving the daily food being given out.
- The apostles' job was prayer and sharing the gospel. They needed other men to help with daily tasks.
- The apostles chose seven men of good character to help with the daily needs of the church.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

The apostles believed that everyone in the church had an important job to do to serve God's people and help spread the gospel. Jesus wants us to serve others so that the message of His death and resurrection can be heard and believed all over the world.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Isaiah 53:5

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

