

THANK a HELPER in Your Church

Tell the Bible story (reverse side). State that your church chooses helpers, too. Make a sweet treat, like banana bread, with your child for a helper in your church. Help your child attach a note: “Thank you for helping our church.”

VERSE

Do good to everyone.
GALATIANS 6:10

BABIES

WRITE a NOTE

Write a note with your baby to a helper at your church. Allow him to make marks on the paper or trace his hands. Deliver or mail the note with your baby. Remind your baby that the people at church chose seven special helpers to help.

BUY FOOD for a Food Pantry

Take your child with you to the grocery store and help her pick out some food to buy for your church’s food pantry. Talk about the Bible story (reverse side) as you shop. Mention that the helpers were to make sure the widows and others had food to eat.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

The Church Chose Helpers

BASED ON ACTS 6:1-7

WEEKLY VERSE: God placed leaders and teachers in the church.

1 Corinthians 12:28

LIFE POINT: People at church are helpers.



BABIES

Some women and children in the church needed help getting food to eat.

Jesus' helpers told the church people to chose seven special helpers to help.

The special helpers made sure everyone had food to eat.

1s

Some women in the church needed help to get food for them and their children.

Jesus' helpers told the people at the church to choose seven men. These men would take care of the hungry women and children.

The church people chose seven men. These men made sure the women and children had food to eat. They took care of all of the church people who needed help.

2s

Some people at church said there were many women and children who were not getting enough food to eat.

Jesus' helpers at the church said, "We have other work to do. People in your church need your help. Choose men from our church to help the people who are hungry and take care of them. This is important work to do. Then we can keep teaching people about Jesus and praying."

Everyone liked this plan. The church people chose seven special helpers. The new helpers began caring for the women and children.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story taught that people at church chose helpers. The church chose special leaders to take food to everyone who needed it.

LIVE IT OUT

Talk with your child about the people who help and serve at your church. Name more people than just the ministers. Explain to your child how each of these people help others learn more about God and Jesus.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People at church help me.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Ephesians 4:11-12

Monday: 1 Timothy 3:8-9

Tuesday: Hebrews 13:7

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Thursday: Acts 20:28

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VERSE

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and teachers in the
church.

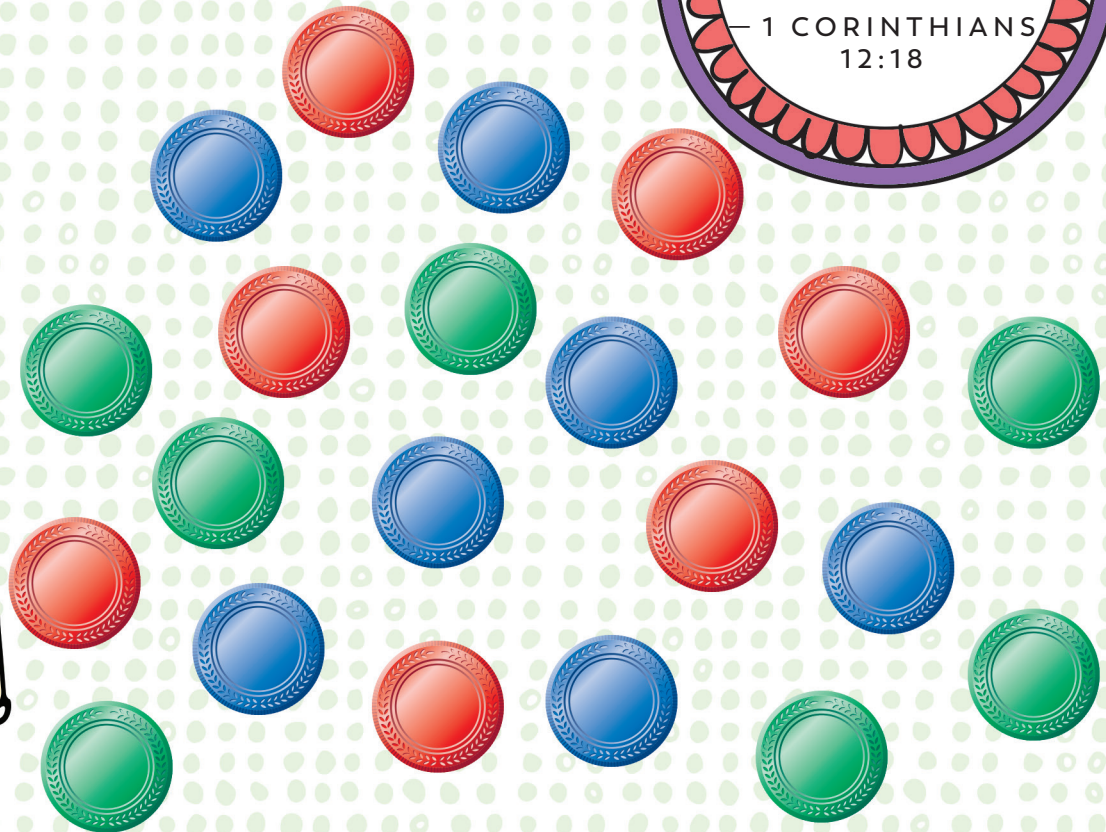
— 1 CORINTHIANS
12:18

COUNT Coins

The church chose special
helpers to take care of
people in the church.

HOW MANY
did they choose?

COUNT the
number of each
colored coin
to find out the
answer!



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Find Out About
HELPERS

TRACE
the word to
complete the
LIFE POINT.

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HELPERS.

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More and more people were going to the church in Jerusalem. The disciples were busy teaching people about Jesus.

Some of the people in the church needed help. They did not have enough food to eat. The disciples did not have time to take care of everyone who needed help.

The disciples knew they needed special helpers to work with them. The disciples said to the other people in the church, "Choose seven men. They can take food to the people who need it. Then we will have time to teach and pray."

All the people at church thought this was a good plan. They chose Stephen, Philip, and five other men. The disciples prayed with the seven men.

The seven special helpers took food to everyone who needed it. The disciples were able to tell more and more people about Jesus.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story taught that people at church are helpers. The church chose special leaders to take food to everyone who needed it.



LIVE IT OUT

Talk with your child about the people who help and serve at your church. Think about more than just the ministers. Explain to your child how each of these people help others learn more about God and Jesus.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People at church love each other and teach about God and Jesus.



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The Church Leaders

Use different color pencils to trace the lines from the person to a symbol of what that person does in the church.



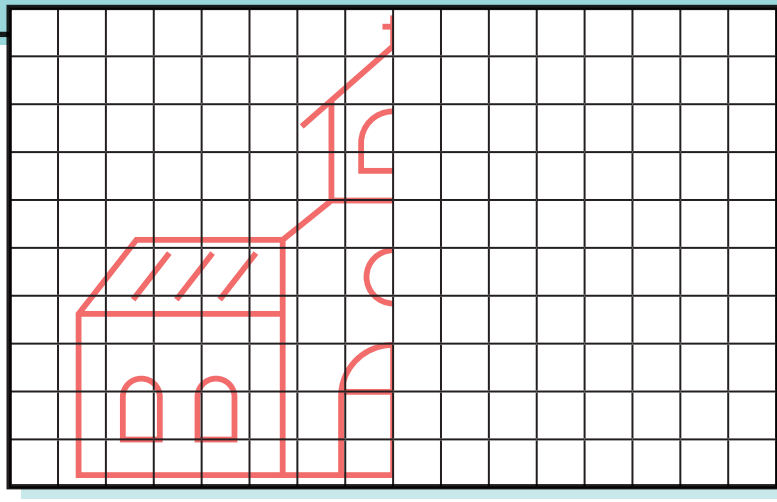
VERSE

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:11-12

Spread the Word

The church chooses leaders for all kinds of tasks. Complete building the church by mirroring the first half of the church onto the grid. Think about all the church leaders that make up the church.



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CONVERSATION

The Church Chose Leaders

ACTS 6:1-7

The early church in Jerusalem grew quickly because many people were coming to believe in Jesus.

Before long, a problem developed. The church was made up of two groups of people. One group complained that their widows were being overlooked when the daily food was given out. This was not good! God's Word said that His people were to take care of widows. (Deuteronomy 24:17-21) This distraction would keep the disciples from preaching God's Word.

The twelve disciples (Jesus' original disciples, plus Matthias, who had replaced Judas, Acts 1:26) called everyone together. They said, "Brothers and sisters, choose seven men who can take responsibility for meeting these needs." The disciples told the people to choose seven men who had good reputations, were wise, and were guided by the Holy Spirit. These men would take care of daily tasks so that the disciples could continue to pray and preach to the people.

The people chose Stephen, Philip, Prochorus (PROK uhm ruhs), Nicanor (ni KAY nuhr), Timon, Parmenas (PAHR mee nuhs), and Nicolas (nik uh LAY uhs). These seven men stood before the disciples, who laid their hands on them and prayed for them.

Now the early church could do what God planned. The believers were able to take care of people's physical needs and their spiritual needs. Because they worked together, the Word of God spread, and many more people believed in Jesus.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Ephesians 4:11-12

LIFE POINT: Churches choose leaders to help with different kinds of work.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Your child heard from this Bible story that churches choose leaders to help with different kinds of work. The early church chose deacons to help minister to the people in other ways than preaching.

LIVE IT OUT

With your child read the Bible story and discuss how your church helpers, both paid staff and volunteers, contribute to the ministry of the church. Remind your child that these people grow the kingdom of God and help people know, love, and trust Jesus.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Churches set apart people to do certain tasks.

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BIBLE READING PLAN Each day you read, have a parent/guardian initial. Return your calendar to earn \$200 KIDS' KASH				Luke 13:12-13	Matthew 15:30	1 Luke 17:14
2 Acts 2:46	3 Hebrews 6:10	4 Ephesians 2:10	5 Isaiah 58:10	6 1 Thessalonians 5:15	7 1 John 3:18	8 Mark 9:35
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