

The First Deacons are Chosen

WHAT YOU NEED

- Memory verse puzzle (printed/written onto a sheet of paper)
- Scissors

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LET'S READ THE BIBLE

- Have someone in your family read the following passage:
- Acts 6:1-7

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The early church faced some difficulties which were distracting the apostles from doing the work that God had called them to do. So the apostles gathered the people and it was decided that seven leaders would be chosen to help deal with these issues. And so, the first 7 deacons were appointed.

God has given each one of His children a special gift to use in serving Him. There are many different kinds of gifts and all of these can be used to serve God and the Church.

The apostles kept doing their special work of teaching God's Word. And the young church grew and grew. When believers use their gifts to serve God today, the church keeps growing!

Every believer, including you and your family, has a special gift and a special work to do for the Lord.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- What was the apostles' main duty?
- Why were the Greek-speaking Jews complaining?
- What did the apostles do to make sure all the widows were taken care of?
- Why didn't the apostles feed the widows?
- What is something new you learned from today's story?

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

- Print out the memory verse puzzle (or copy the puzzle onto a piece of paper)
- Cut the puzzle up along the lines
- Hand out the puzzle equally (as far as possible) to your family members
- Say, "Each of us have special gifts and an important part to play in serving God and others. It's like we're all a piece of the puzzle. Each puzzle piece is different and only one puzzle piece can fit in it's specific spot. We need everyone to use their gifts and serve in their 'spot' to make the puzzle complete, and so the church can grow."
- As a family, build the puzzle together by each person putting their puzzle pieces into the puzzle.
- Read the memory verse together and discuss what it means.

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NOW WHAT?

- What special gift do you think you have?
- How will you use that gift to serve God and the Church?

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