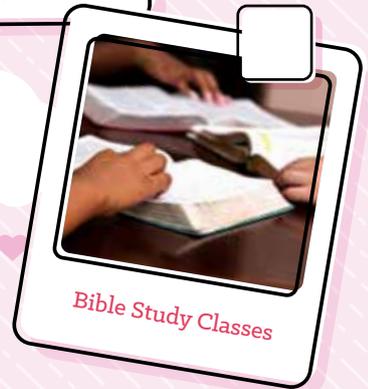
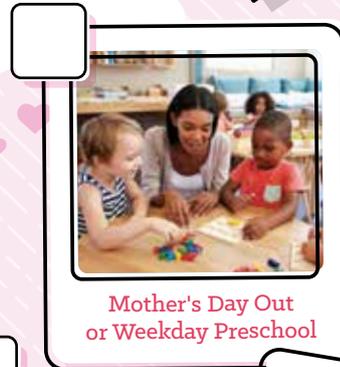


**UNIT VERSE**  
Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.  
HEBREWS 10:24-25 (ESV)

Place a check mark beside the ways your church helps people.  
Write other ministries your church provides in the blanks below.



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**Think About It**

How can you help your church take care of people?  
Think of something special you could do for someone in your church or a member of your family this week.



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## CONVERSATION

### The Early Church Chose Helpers

#### ACTS 6:1-7

As the 12 disciples started preaching the word of God, more people began believing in Jesus as the Messiah. Many people became Christians. Because there were so many more people, the disciples had a lot more to do. Some of the Jewish Christians became very upset



with another group of the Jewish Christians. They believed the widows in their group were being overlooked and not taken care of in the right way.

The 12 disciples brought everyone together to discuss the problem on how to take care of the widows and make sure they had enough food. The disciples felt it would not be right for them to give up preaching to help take care of the widows. They needed to find a solution. The disciples asked the people to choose 7 wise Christian men to take care of the widows. These men would be able to help so the disciples could focus on prayer and preaching the word of God.

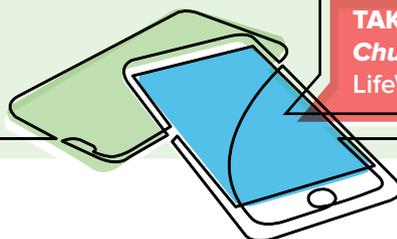
Everyone agreed the disciples had a wonderful plan. The people chose 7 men who were known to be good and trustworthy. The people chose Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus to take care of the widows. These men stood before the people and the 12 disciples. The disciples laid their hands on them and prayed for them.

Now that the 7 chosen men were taking care of the needs of the people, the 12 disciples were able to focus on the work God had given them. The word of God spread, and a great number of people became Christians. Because the early church chose helpers, more people became obedient to God.

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** Hebrews 10:24-25

**LIFE POINT:** God uses the church to meet the needs of people.

**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out *The Early Church Chose Helpers* in Bible Studies for Life: LifeWay Kids App.



#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Today your child learned that God uses the church to meet the needs of people. All the people worked together to solve a problem. They chose seven helpers and gave them the special job of helping widows.



#### LIVE IT OUT

Help your child learn that loving Jesus means serving others. Involve your child in planning a service activity for your family. Encourage her to take the lead in executing the project.



#### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

The church meets the needs of people.



#### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** Hebrews 10:24-25

**Monday:** 1 Peter 4:10

**Tuesday:** Galatians 5:13

**Wednesday:** John 12:26

**Thursday:** Romans 12:11

**Friday:** Matthew 23:11

**Saturday:** Mark 10:45