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Bible Learning 10-15 minutes

Objective: Students will learn that God gives us different jobs.

Use Teaching Aid 10 when indicated to tell the story.
Have your Bible open to Acts 6:1-7.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus taught us to help one another. God gives us different jobs so we can help. Everyone's job is important. People need us to do our part of the work.

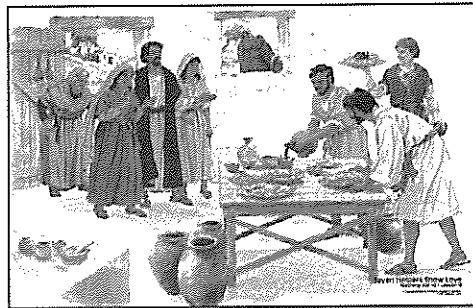
In the Bible-time church, there were some women whose

husbands had died. These women were called widows. Some widows needed help because they didn't have money to buy food. They were hungry.

It was the church's job to provide food for the hungry widows. When the people did their jobs, the widows would not be hungry. But someone was not doing the job of serving food to the widows, and they were unhappy. The widows said to each other, "I'm hungry. Someone isn't doing the job of feeding us!"

Thankfully, some men in the church knew about the hungry widows. These men told the teachers, "No one is providing food for the widows. Someone isn't doing that job." The men helped everyone understand that one of the jobs in the church was left undone.

The people gathered together to talk about the different jobs God gave them to do. They realized that it took everyone doing the job God gave each one to do to get everything done. They knew that they all shouldn't do the same thing. The teachers said, "It wouldn't be good for us



"Seven Helpers Show Love"
Teaching Aid 10

to stop doing our job of teaching to serve food to the widows." They were right. The teachers were doing the job that God gave them. The church needed the teachers to keep on teaching.

The teachers said, "Choose seven good men from the church who will be responsible to do the job of serving food to the widows." Everyone agreed that they should select seven responsible men who didn't have a job in the church.

The people chose seven men and brought them to the teachers. The teachers knew the seven men would be responsible to do the job. They approved the seven men because they believed God gave them the job of serving food to the widows. The leaders prayed that the men would do the job God had given them.

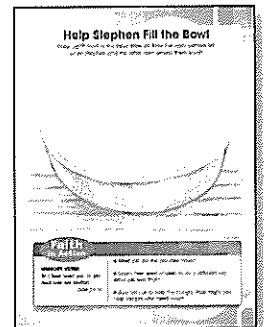
The servers began doing the job God gave them. They bought food and prepared it. Then the men went and told the widows to come eat. The men served the food to the widows who were poor and hungry. (Show Teaching Aid 10. Point out the men at the table who are serving food. Explain that the man with the women is leading the widows to the food. Through the window, we can see that more widows are coming.)

All the people in the church were glad that these servers did the job that God gave them. Everyone in the church was happier when each person did the job God gave him or her.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

- Who was chosen to serve food to the widows? (Seven responsible men.)
- Who gives us different jobs to help people? (God gives us different jobs.)

Distribute *Storytime* and have children complete the activity.



Storytime, Lesson 7,
page 4

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Bible Application 10 minutes

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MEMORY VERSE

Help students find the memory verse on page 4 of *Storytime*. Read the verse together: **"As I have loved you, so you must love one another" John 13:34.** Our memory verse encourages us to love each other just as Jesus loves us. We do that by doing the jobs that God gives us. Say the action rhyme with the children.

Jesus' friends show His love

(Place hands over heart.)

Teaching God's Word and serving others.

(Open hands as if reading Bible.)

As I have loved you, so you must love one another

(Place hands over heart.)

Show love to your sisters and brothers.

(Point to children.)

Say the verse one more time together: **"As I have loved you, so you must love one another" John 13:34.**

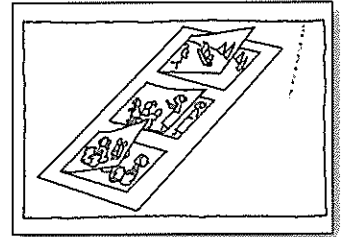
Collect the *Storytime* papers and put them away until the end of class.

HANDCRAFT

Before class time, remove Lesson 7 from each child's Make-It/Take-It.

Explain how the children open the three die-cut flaps and fold on the dotted lines. Show the children where to fold the pages in half.

Have the children tape the three open edges together to keep their flap cards closed. Tell the children to open a flap to discover a job God has for them to do. Children repeat for each of the windows. Have the children use the back side of their flap book for a picture or words that tells how they will help someone this week.



Make-It/Take-It, Lesson 7

Remember in our Bible story today how we heard about people who did different jobs? Some taught God's Word and some served food to the poor widows.

- There are different jobs you can do when you are in Sunday school and church. What are some of those jobs? (Listen to teachers, open doors, pray, help a new student in class, and so on.)




Objective: Students will plan to do the different jobs God has given them.





PRESENT-DAY STORY





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are like
Munchkin,
only bigger,"
said Nathan.





New at the Zoo






1 The boys and girls went to the zoo.

Paul they visited the . A zookeeper was looking after the . The  was safe. Only bigger said .

As they walked through the zoo, they saw different jobs to do.  and  picked up litter.  saw a sign that read "Stay Home!" He wondered who it was for. "It's not a . It's a visitor."

"The sign says not to let her out!" said . "There's a good !" said a zookeeper. "It's time for her lunch. Would you like to feed her?"  carefully put the food in the bin. The children had a great day when they got back home.  said, "Thanks for taking me to the zoo. I had doing a job for the zoo!"

 said, "I like to do the jobs God gives us." "We can't!" said . "Now my job is to feed .

Talk About It

Read Aloud

1. Read the story aloud. Have children follow along with their own copies of the story.

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pages 2-3**

"She's a good skunk," said a zookeeper. "It's time for her lunch. Would you like to feed her?"

Li carefully put the food in the dish. The children had a lot of fun. Li said, "Thanks for taking me to the zoo. I liked doing a job for the zoo."

Juan said, "I like to do the jobs God gives us."

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

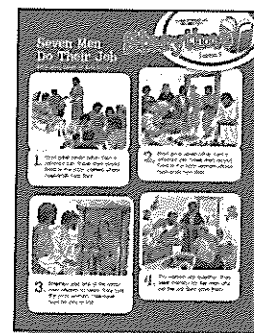
■ **What are some jobs that God has given you?**
(They may name some of the things from their Make-It/Take-It project. They might talk about jobs of doing their homework, brushing their teeth, clearing the table, helping to bring in the groceries, making the bed, helping a sibling, and so on.)

Let's plan to do the different jobs God has given us. When our parents or teachers ask us to do a job, we will do it happily. Let's pray and ask God to help us. Have each child pick one job they will ask God to help them do. They will say their job during prayer.

Dear God, thank You for all the different jobs You give us. My job is (have a student name a job). Please help us do our jobs well and do them happily.

Make sure children have their Make-It/Take-It projects and *Storytime* paper for Lesson 7 before they leave.

Give each child a personal
goodbye. **Go and do the job
God gave you. Remember
to ask God to help you do it
well.**



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Seven Men Do Their Job

Bible story based on Acts 6:1-7

Storytime

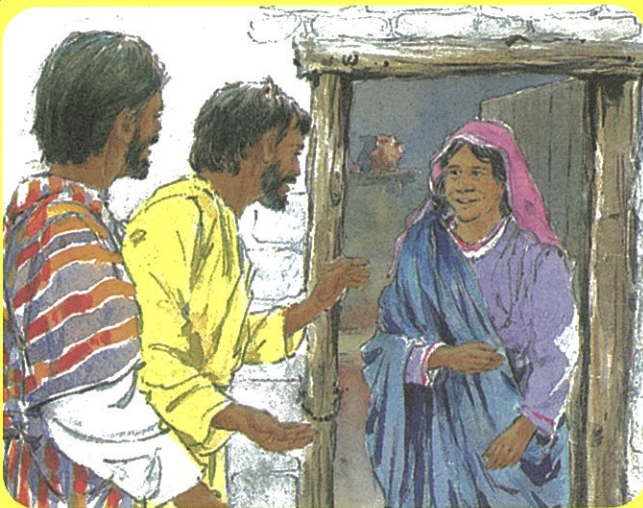
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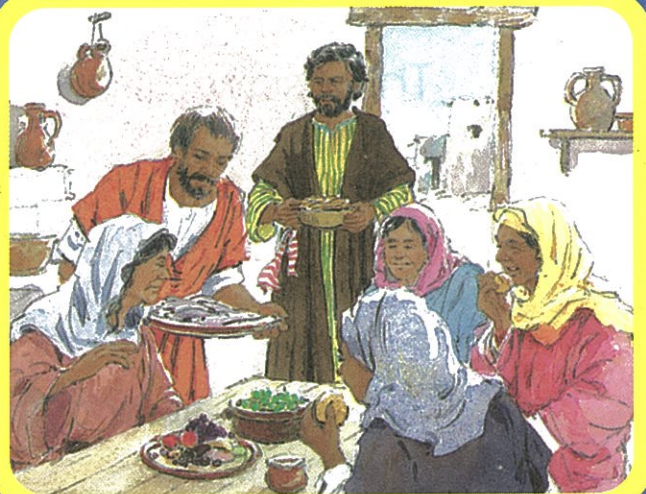
1. Jesus gave the disciples the job of teaching others about Him. They were busy doing their job teaching people in the church.



2. God gave seven other men a different job. These men served food to the poor women whose husbands had died.



3. Stephen was one of the seven men chosen to serve. They told the poor women, "We have food for you to eat."



4. The women ate together. They were thankful for the men who did the job God gave them.

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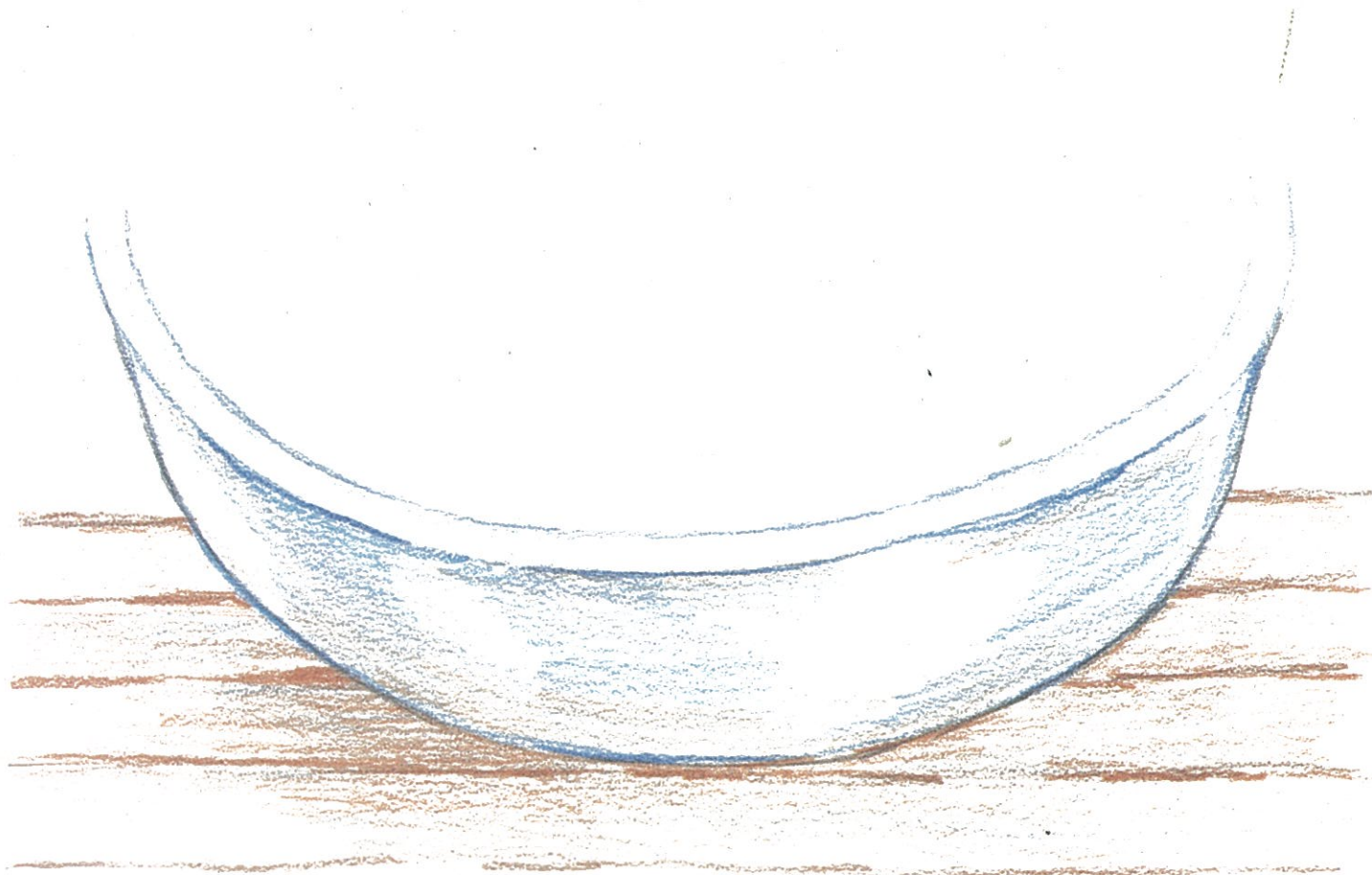
Bible Truth:

God gives us different jobs.

What were some jobs Juan, Nathan, and Li had in the story? God gives us different jobs. What are some jobs God has given you and your family? Think of two jobs you can do this week.

Help Stephen Fill the Bowl

Draw  food in the bowl. How do you think the poor women felt when Stephen and the other men served them food?



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Faith in Action



MEMORY VERSE:

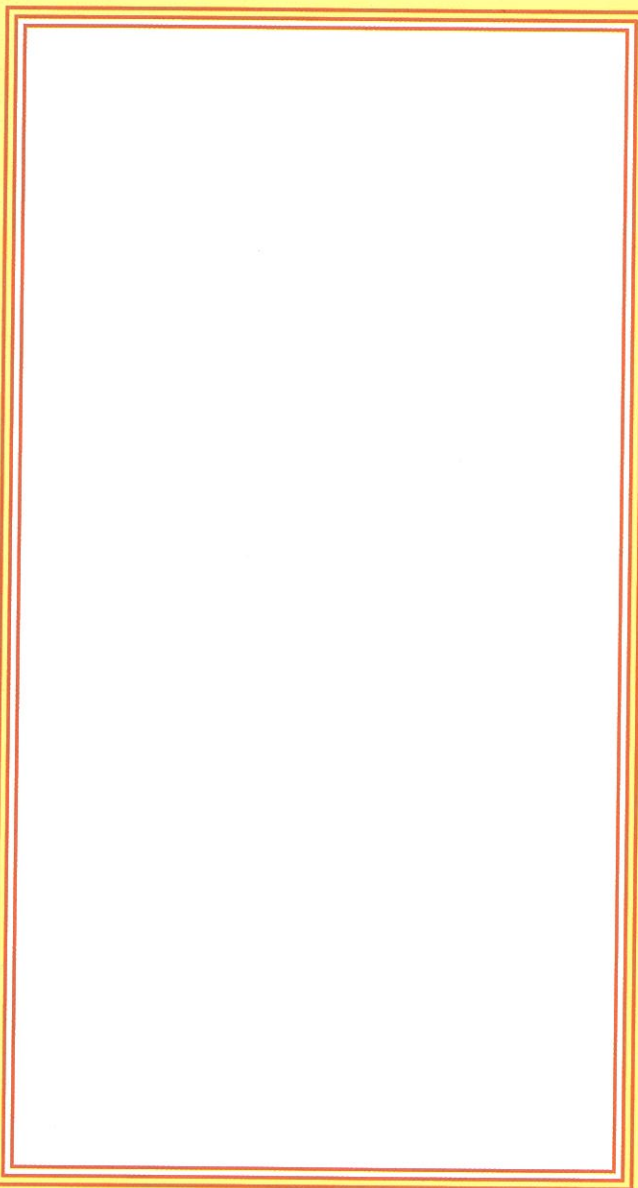
As I have loved you, so you
must love one another.

John 13:34

- What job did the disciples have?
- Seven men were chosen to do a different job. What job was that?
- God asks us to help the hungry. How might you help people who need food?

How I will help someone
this week

Draw  or write  about
helping others this week.



FOR PARENTS

In class today, your child heard how people in the Bible-time church did different jobs (Acts 6:1-7). Your child learned that God gives us different jobs.

At home this week, talk about different jobs God gives us to take care of our church family. Have your child open the flaps to share with you some jobs he can do. Encourage your child to follow through with the job he drew or wrote about in class. Remind your child that the Bible tells us "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34).

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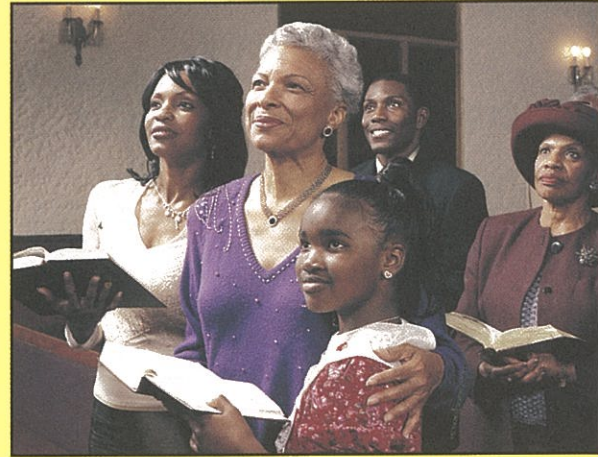
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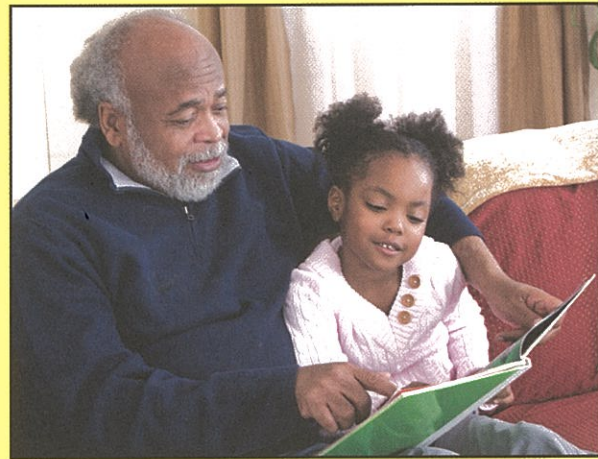
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Open the flaps to show some jobs.

**Being a friend
to an
older church
member.**



**Spending
time with
grandparents.**



Praying.

