

# CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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## PRAY FOR WISDOM:

Lord, Your plan for the Church is wonderful! Jesus' example of loving service to others established a clear precedent for us to follow. You uniquely equip men and women for each generation to lead and serve others.

Thank You for giving spiritual gifts to every Christian. Help each child discover his or her special abilities and then follow Jesus' example to serving others. I pray in His precious name, amen.

## LESSON MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 6:3 "The church chose seven special men to serve others."

## BIBLE LESSON: SEVEN SERVANTS (BASED ON ACTS 6:1-7)

More people believed in Jesus each day. The Church grew and grew and grew. Soon, the church leaders had a problem—they were too busy! Caring for so many people was a lot of work. The leaders did their best, but there was just too much for them to do! They were trying to do too many jobs.

God gave the 12 church leaders 2 important jobs – to pray for the people and to teach them about Jesus. These men taught about Jesus' love and forgiveness. They told everyone about His miracles and power. They explained how God wanted Christians to live. They also spent much of their time praying for the people. But there was so much else to do in the church. The 12 men needed help!

In the Lord's work, every person (Point to several individuals.)

Can serve someone; that is certain! (Nod your head, "Yes")

Some women in the Church didn't have husbands. They were poor and didn't have enough food. Their friends in the church told the leaders that these women needed help.

The 12 leaders said, "Jesus told us pray and to teach the people about God. But many other things are important, too. We can't do everything by ourselves. We need your help. Let's make sure that everyone has enough food. Help us take good care of all our friends."

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What a good idea! The people in the Church looked for men who listened to God. They wanted to find just the right people for this new job. They chose seven men who had strong faith in God. They knew that these men would be fair with everyone.

Before the new helpers began their work, all 12 leaders prayed for them. "Dear God, please show these

men what to do. They have a big job and need Your help.”

So, the 12 leaders kept praying and teaching the people. And the new helpers made sure that all the people had enough food – especially the women who didn’t have husbands.

Now, everyone in the Church had food to eat. Now, even more people heard about Jesus. Now, even more people decided to become His followers. Each person in the Church was serving the Lord and other people, too. It was just the way God wanted it to be.

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## **ACTIVITIES:**

Thank You Cards (Supplies: construction paper, stickers of all sorts, markers, crayons, glitter glue, yarn, glue)

Fold construction paper in half to form a card. On the front of each card use the markers to write “Thank you for helping at our church.” Allow the children to decorate the cards with art supplies and stickers. Make sure that each child’s name is in the card. Encourage the children to give the cards to people who help at our church.

What can I do with this? (Supplies: object used by various people to do their jobs in the church such as a broom, telephone, computer keyboard, a Bible)

Have the children sit in a circle with you. As you place an object in the circle, ask them “What can I do with this?” Have them think about how people in the church use the object to serve others.

Bible- Freddy uses that to teach people about Jesus

Telephone- Kim answers the phone in the office to answer questions about the church.

Student Bible- Kyle uses this to preach to the students.

Children’s Bible- Hannah uses this to lead the children.

Broom- the janitor uses this to clean the church.

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