

Large Group

The Church Handled a Problem

Bible Passage: Acts 6

Memory Verse: Isaiah 53:5

Big Picture Question: **Why did Jesus become human?**

Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Last week, we learned that the apostles were arrested for sharing the gospel. However, we also learned that God is bigger than any problems they faced. Even the religious leaders could not stop God's church from sharing the good news. The apostles rejoiced because they suffered for the name of Jesus. They continued to preach the gospel, no matter what, and the church grew. Today, we will learn how the apostles solved a problem within the early church so telling others the good news of Jesus could continue to be their focus.

Today's Lesson

In today's story, we saw that there was a problem within the early church. What was it? [Allow responses.] As the apostles taught the gospel more people believed and the early church grew. The believers tried to meet the needs of the people within the church, but some thought the Greek widows were not being taken care of because they weren't getting the food they needed. The apostles and believers within the early church came up with a plan to solve this problem.

The apostles knew it was important for them to focus on prayer and sharing the good news with those who had not heard, so they knew they needed help from other believers within the church. What kind of men did the church choose to serve and meet the needs of the believers? [Allow responses.] The church chose men of good character who were filled with the Holy Spirit to care for widows, other believers, and help with serving in the church.

These men had an important job and helped serve where there was a need. The apostles were able to keep praying and preaching the gospel. What happened as everyone served where they were needed? [Allow responses.] God grew the church as many more people were able to hear the good news through the apostles' preaching.

God has given every believer the job of serving God's people and spreading the gospel. God gives us different opportunities to serve both believers and also people who do not yet believe. In whatever way we serve, we can share the gospel and lead others to the Lord so they can be saved

Christ Connection I The apostles believed that everyone in the church had an important job to do to serve God's people and help spread the gospel. Jesus wants us to serve others so that the message of His death and resurrection can be heard and believed all over the world.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Acts 6:1-7

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.