



**Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.**

**Week 10:** October 13, 2024

**Bible Story Point:** The apostles believed that everyone in the church had an important job to do to serve God's people and help spread the gospel.

**Key Passage:** He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

**Sunday Night:** (Preschool & Children)

**The Church Handled a Problem** (Acts 6:1-7)

Acts 6 relays a time when a complaint within the church led to an opportunity for delegation and good deeds. As the apostles continued spreading the word of Jesus and His resurrection, more people began to believe the good news and the church grew in number. Amid this growth, the task of caring for the Hellenistic widows was being neglected.

How did the apostles handle this complaint between the different groups of believers in their church? How did they choose to pursue unity despite the different needs and giftings of those in their community?

In this chapter, we witness how the apostles chose not to ignore the critiques of the Hellenistic Jews. Instead, the members of the Twelve sought to bring more individuals into service opportunities for God's glory—a proposal that pleased the whole church. From this newfound service initiative came the deacon ministry!

The apostles' approach to this complaint was rooted in their desire for unity within the body of Christ and the proclamation of the gospel. They instructed the church to select seven men of good character, sound wisdom, and obedience to the Holy Spirit to care for the widows in need of help. With this delegation of duties, the disciples could continue their work of prayer and preaching the Word. As the deacons served and the apostles preached the Word, the gospel reached even further, and a large group of priests came to faith in Jesus.

Help your kids see how they can serve within their church—even now as children! Explain how your work as a Bible study leader is fulfilling the Great Commission in this moment! We all have the important job of sharing God's Word with others. God is pleased by our obedience and service and may choose to use it to take the gospel even further.

- What were the people complaining about? The widows were not getting their share of the food
- Who gathered to figure out the problem? All of the disciples or believers.
- What did they determine to do? Appoint 7 men of excellent character to care for the needs of the people.
- Who were the 7 men? Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, Nicolaus
- Name some places you can serve at home, church and school.
- Is serving a task we all must do to help our community?
- Name some way you can serve as a family in your community.

**Practice:** Say (Memorize) Key passage

**Pray:** Thank God for calling you into action for His purpose. Ask God to give a heart to serve Him and others.

**Wednesday Night, October 16: Awards Night at 7:10 in the GYM**

**Cubbies** – Bear Hug 7 "...worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve." Matthew 4:10

**Sparks:**

Hang Glider – S is for Saved – Acts 16:31, Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.

Wing Runner – Section 7 word find and section 8, say the books of the New Testament in order.

Sky Stormer – Section 8, say the books of the New Testament in order.

**T & T's** –1.6 Review

Revelation 4:11, Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.

Revelation 4:8b, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Deuteronomy 32:4, The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He.

Ephesians 2:4-5, But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead to our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.

Psalms 90:2, Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

**Saturday Night:** (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, October 20

Stephen was Arrested (Acts 6–7)

- Who is Stephen? One of the 12 disciples
- What is special about Stephen? He was filled with the Holy Spirit & great wisdom, no one could argue with him
- Who did Stephen upset? Elders and the scribes (Religious leaders)
- What was Stephen's message? Jesus is the messiah that God planned to send from the beginning.
- What did the religious leaders do? Threw stones at him.

**Upcoming Activities:**

October 14	Mom's Bible Study @9AM	Childcare Provided
October 17	Pickle Ball and Walking	6-8PM (Gym & Track)
October 19	Men's Feast	3 – 8PM
October 31	Trunk N Treat	6 to 7:30PM
November 5	Go Vote	
November 17	Church-wide Fellowship	Noon
November 28	Thanksgiving	
December 1	Preschoolers & Kids singing	in both services.

