

The Church Leaders

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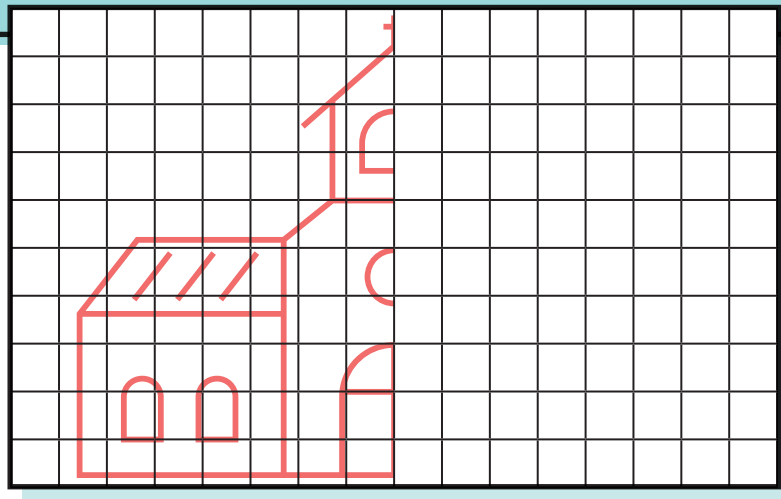
UNIT VERSE

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.

GALATIANS 6:10 CSB

Spread the Word

The church chooses leaders for all kinds of tasks. Complete building the church by mirroring the first half of the church onto the grid. Think about all the church leaders that make up the church.



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CONVERSATION

The Church Chose Leaders

ACTS 6:1-7

The early church in Jerusalem grew quickly because many people were coming to believe in Jesus.

Before long, a problem developed. The church was made up of two groups of people. One group complained that their widows were being overlooked when the daily food was given out. This was not good! God's Word

said that His people were to take care of widows. (Deuteronomy 24:17-21) This distraction would keep the disciples from preaching God's Word.

The twelve disciples (Jesus' original disciples, plus Matthias, who had replaced Judas, Acts 1:26) called everyone together. They said, "Brothers and sisters, choose seven men who can take responsibility for meeting these needs." The disciples told the people to choose seven men who had good reputations, were wise, and were guided by the Holy Spirit. These men would take care of daily tasks so that the disciples could continue to pray and preach to the people.

The people chose Stephen, Philip, Prochorus (PROK uhm ruhs), Nicanor (ni KAY nuhr), Timon, Parmenas (PAHR mee nuhs), and Nicolas (nik uh LAY uhs). These seven men stood before the disciples, who laid their hands on them and prayed for them.

Now the early church could do what God planned. The believers were able to take care of people's physical needs and their spiritual needs. Because they worked together, the Word of God spread, and many more people believed in Jesus.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Ephesians 4:11-12

LIFE POINT: Churches choose leaders to help with different kinds of work.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Your child heard from this Bible story that churches choose leaders to help with different kinds of work. The early church chose deacons to help minister to the people in other ways than preaching.

LIVE IT OUT

With your child read the Bible story and discuss how your church helpers, both paid staff and volunteers, contribute to the ministry of the church. Remind your child that these people grow the kingdom of God and help people know, love, and trust Jesus.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Churches set apart people to do certain tasks.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Ephesians 4:11-12

Monday: 1 Timothy 3:8-9

Tuesday: Hebrews 13:7

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 2:2

Thursday: Acts 20:28

Friday: Titus 1:7

Saturday: Acts 14:23