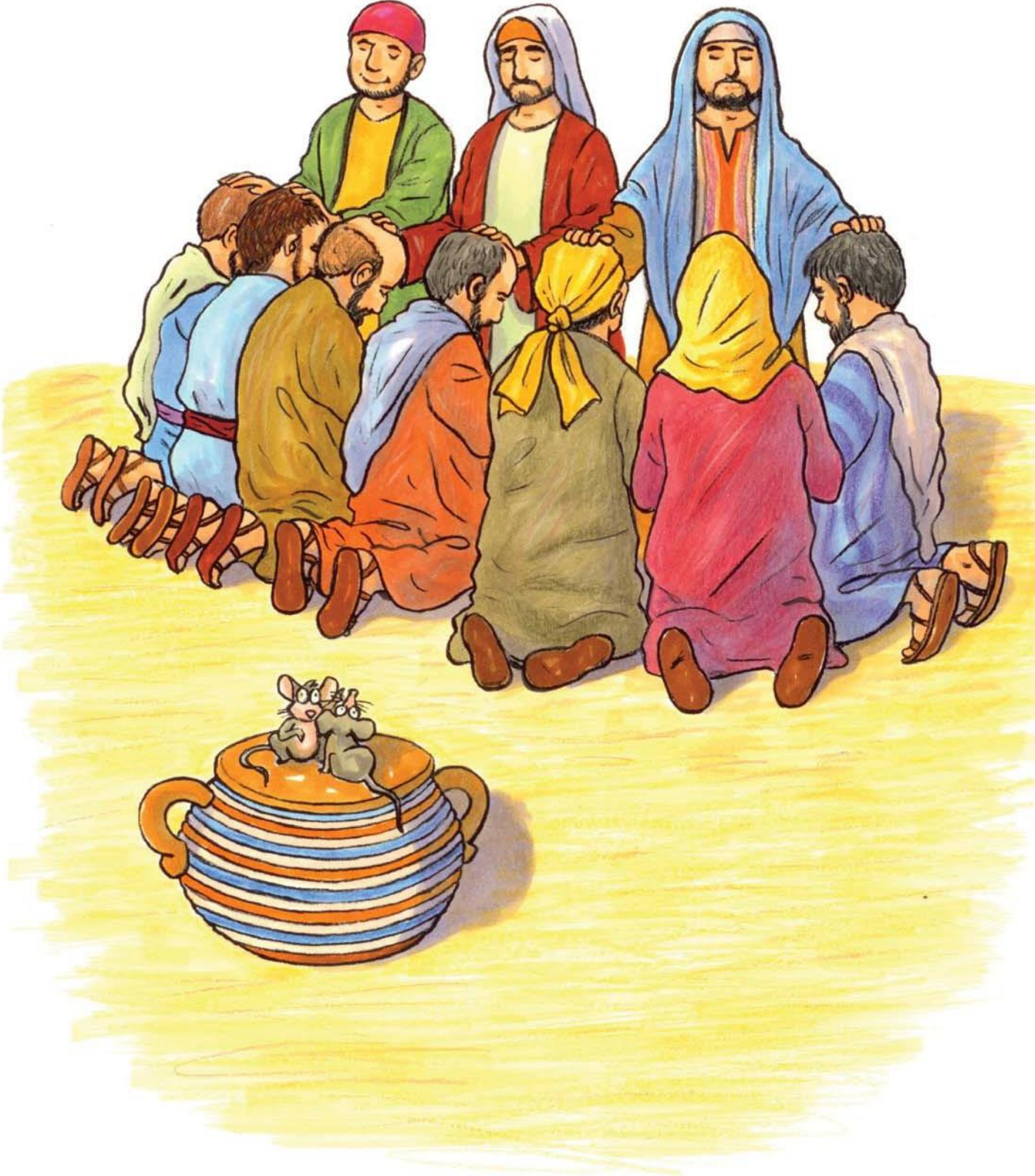


THE APOSTLES' CALL FOR HELPERS

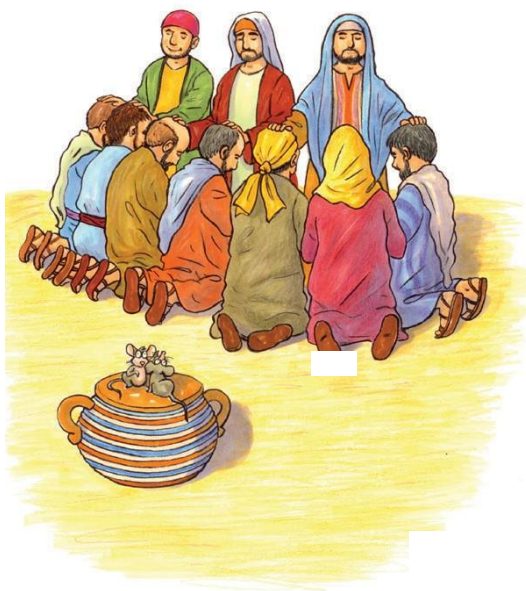
Acts 6:1-7



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Message	We all can be helpers to the Apostles today.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Apostles needed help.■ God helped the Apostles find helpers to complete His work.■ How we can help the Apostles today.
Bible Text	Acts 6:1–7

The Apostles' Call for Helpers



After many prayers, the Apostles called all the disciples together and said to them, "From among you select seven men who have a good reputation, full of Spirit and wisdom, who can help take care of the widows so that we can spend time praying and spreading of the word."

The disciples chose seven men and placed them before the Apostles. The Apostles laid their hands on these faithful men.

These seven men worked in the congregations and supported the Apostles in the work of caring for members.

The number of followers of Christ increased, and the work and responsibility of the Apostles grew ever greater.

Some of the followers complained that the widows were being neglected.

It was difficult for the Apostles to do everything.

The Apostles' Call for Helpers

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the ordination in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise, black and white dress of the Apostle.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Why do the Apostles need helpers? (They are not able to attend to everyone's needs.)
- What do they want to focus on? (Placing the word of God into the hearts of the members)
- How do the seven deacons receive their ministry?
(All ministers are ordained by the laying-on of the hands of a living Apostle in a prayer.)
- What are the duties of a Deacon? (To be an example in the congregation, visit the sick, accompany the priests, invite guests, assist in organisational matters)

Have the children repeat...

- God helped the Apostles find helpers to complete His work.
- We also can help the Apostles today.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- How does an ordination happen today? (By laying-on of the hands of a living Apostle)
- Even if you have no ministry, how can you help our Apostle or Priest?

Repeat the Message

We all can be helpers of the Apostles today.