

# let's play



It can be a challenge to teach young children about right and wrong, about obeying God and sinning against God. Ask God to guide you in this important task.

## Give Away!

Take some time to be kind to the poor this week. With your child, collect things (in good condition) he or she has outgrown or no longer uses. Encourage your child to find one thing for every year of his or her age. Then take the items to a local homeless shelter or thrift store. **Giving away things we no longer need is a way to be kind to others.**



## Right and Wrong

What can you do as a parent to teach your children about what is right and wrong?

- Your actions serve as the primary model for your children's behavior, starting at infancy. Parental encouragement for acceptable behavior lays the foundation for every child's own convictions of what is right. Actions always precede words with young children. What we do teaches far more effectively than what we say!
- Be alert for opportunities to help your children see how a Bible command relates to real life. When you see an action that illustrates the point of a verse, talk about how your children are doing what is right. "Keenan, you shared your markers with your sister. That's a way to do what is right. Sally, you said 'Thank you' to Keenan. That's another way to do what is right. The Bible says, 'Be kind.'"

For Younger Children

**"Hear the word of God and obey it."**

Luke 11:28

For Older Children

**"Be kind to the poor and you will be happy."**

(See Proverbs 14:21.)

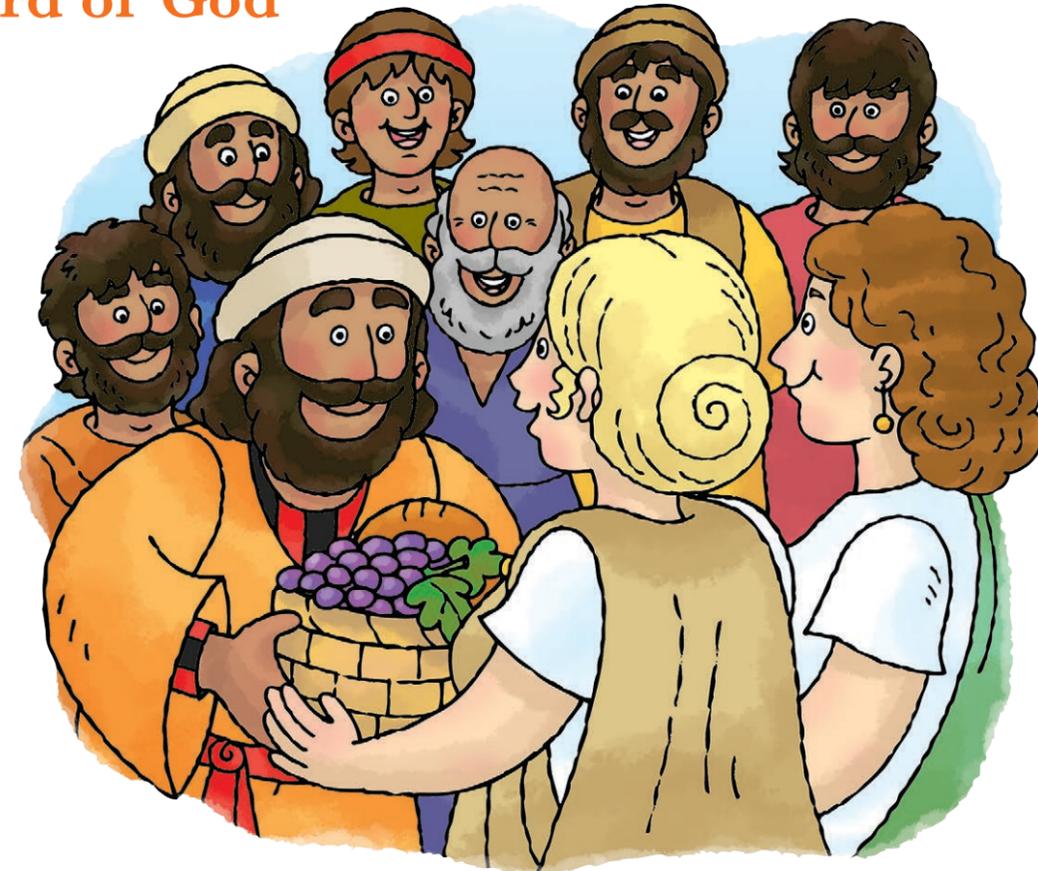
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**Today I learned:**

Being kind to others makes them glad. It makes us glad. And it makes God glad, too!

**Ask me:**

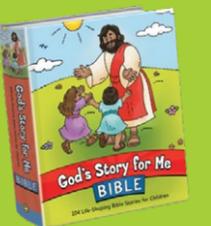
We can obey God by being kind. What kind things can you do? Who can you be kind to?



What is in the basket?  
Who is being kind? How?



Read the story on the next page and on pages 458-460 in *God's Story for Me Bible*.



# let's listen

## Bible Story

Acts 6:1-7

Clap your hands whenever you read the word **more**. Invite your child to join you. **For older children:** Let your child read aloud the word **more**.



Every day **more** and **more** people were hearing about Jesus.

**More** and **more** people were becoming part of God's family.

And **more** and **more** people were sharing with each other.

God's people were showing each other **more** and **more** love!

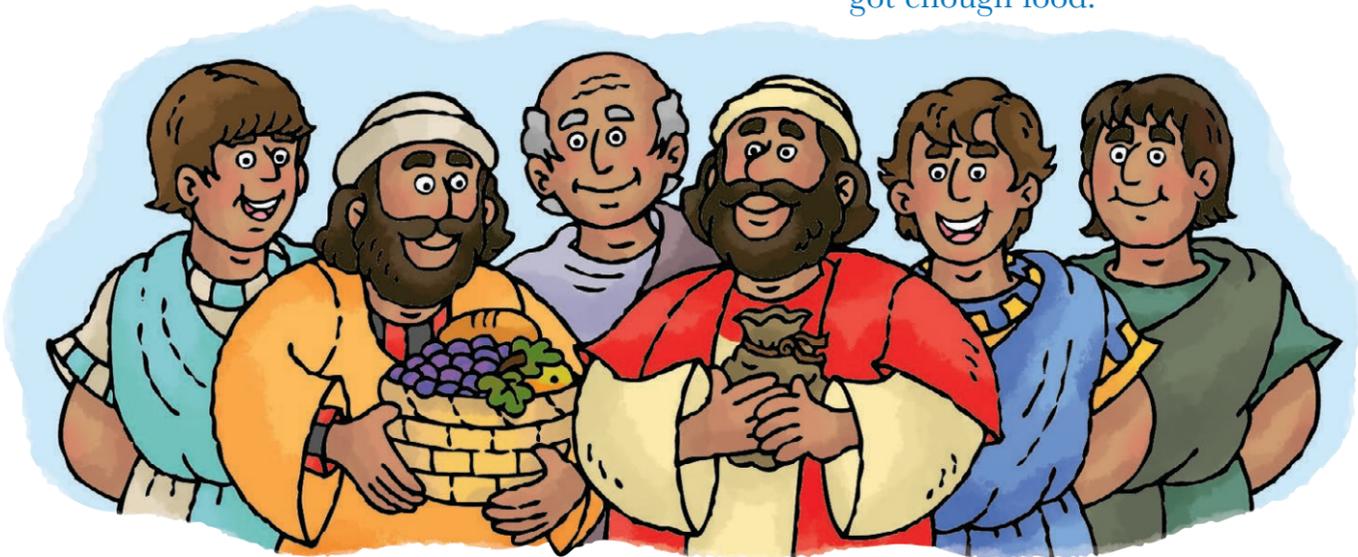
But there was a problem. Some women were hungry!

They needed **more** food.

Jesus' friends wanted God's family to have **more** love, not **more** hunger!

So they asked everyone to choose some special helpers.

These helpers would be sure everyone got enough food.



They chose one, two, three, four. But they needed even **more**!

They chose three **more** helpers. Now there were five, six, seven helpers.



Seven helpers were enough. They didn't need **more**.

God's family was glad to have helpers so that they could share **more** and **more**!



## Family Talk

Collect several cans of food to give to a food bank. Ask,

- How many cans are there? Which can is the largest?
- Which of these foods do you like best?
- How were the people in God's family kind during Bible times?

## Prayer Time

Things to talk about:

- Who are some of your friends? What food do you sometimes share with your friends?
- What are some other ways of being kind to your friends?

Words to pray together:

Dear God, thank You for the food You give us. Thank You for people we can share with, like [name friends your child mentioned]. Please help us be kind. In Jesus' name, amen.

