

Jerusalem's Believers Name Deacons to Serve the Needy

About 3 minutes, from Acts 6:1-7

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Abby

James

Eunice

Prompter Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

- James I am the apostle James, leader of the church in Jerusalem.
It is a cluster of tiny congregations that meet in homes.
Oh, hello, Abby. Why is your friend weeping?
- Abby We have multiplied so fast that we are neglecting some people's needs.
Eunice is a Greek widow. Explain your problem to James, Eunice.
- Eunice Brother James, forgive my boldness.
I and other Greek widows are left out when the daily food is distributed.
- Prompter & Echoes Unfair bias!
- James Oh! I'll tell the apostles at once.
We will correct this problem, my sister Eunice. Come, Abby.
- Abby The apostles talk it over, and James explains it to the assembly.
- James Brothers, we apostles must not neglect God's word to serve tables.
Select seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and
wisdom, to put in charge of this. We apostles will devote ourselves
to prayer and the ministry of the word.
- Prompter & Echoes Do what one is gifted to do.
- Prompter & Echoes Abby, would this solve the problem for Eunice and the other widows?
- Abby Yes, brother James. It would be a blessing for all of us.
- James All of the disciples talk it over, and consider it a good idea.
- Prompter & Echoes Amen!
- James We choose seven disciples who are full of faith and of the Holy Spirit
to be deacons. These include Stephen, Philip, and other godly men.
- Abby Seven new deacons come before the apostles, who pray
and lay hands on them to impart God's blessing and anointing.
- Eunice Now we foreign widows are getting our portion of the provisions.
- Prompter & Echoes God is good!
- Abby Because of the believers' obedience to the Lord,
and their fervent witnessing for Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit,
the Word of God spreads more than ever.
- Prompter & Echoes Thousands more come to Jesus!