



Food for Widows

Acts 6:1-7

Every day Jesus' friends told more and more people the good news that Jesus loved them. More and more people learned to love Jesus. And every day these people were sharing their food and clothing with people who had none. They were very happy.

However, one group of women whose husbands had died were not happy. These women said, "No one is sharing food with us. We are not getting enough to eat!" This was a problem!

The people who were friends of these women could have gotten angry. They could have grumbled and argued and caused lots of trouble, but they didn't. Instead, they told Jesus' friends about the problem.

When Jesus' friends heard about this, they felt sad. They wanted everyone to have enough food to eat. They wanted to be kind to everyone. So these friends of Jesus called everyone together. "We know it isn't fair that some people don't get enough food to eat." The people listened quietly.

"This is what we will do," Jesus' friends said. "Choose seven special helpers. These special helpers will make sure everyone gets enough food." So the people chose one, two, three, four, five, six, seven men to be special helpers. Then Jesus' friends prayed and asked God to help the seven men do their best work.

These special helpers did a good job. Now the women had enough food to eat, just like everyone else. Everyone worked together to be kind and show they loved Jesus.

My Sandwich

Collect

Bible, 4-inch (10-cm) squares of white paper (about five for each child), crayons or markers, tape.

Do

Child draws bread and fillings on paper squares to make sandwiches or hamburgers. (For example, a child might draw two hamburger buns, a hamburger patty and a piece of cheese.) Tape edges of completed sandwich or hamburger together on one side.



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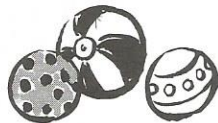
I'm glad to help others by being kind.

Talk About

- ☀ In our Bible story, Jesus' friends were kind to some women who had no food. They gave the women food and made sure they had enough to eat. Let's make some pretend sandwiches to remind us of today's story.
- ☀ Thank you for sharing the markers, Denise. You are being kind. What's your favorite sandwich? What goes inside the bread?
- ☀ When we are kind to others, we help them be happy. And we feel happy, too. What are some ways we can be kind to others in our classroom?

Enrichment Ideas

1. Challenge children to think of foods beginning with each letter of the alphabet. If a child gives a silly response, simply smile and comment, **Trevor, it would be pretty silly to eat monsters! What would you really like to eat?**
2. Before class, collect all of the items needed to make real sandwiches. In class, invite children to create their own sandwiches. Post a note alerting parents to the use of food in this activity. Also check registration forms for food allergies.



Find That Face!

You'll Need: large paper plates and markers.

Prepare On one paper plate draw a happy face. On another paper plate draw a sad face. Leave the others blank.

Activity: 1. Place plates face down in a circle. Play music as children walk around the circle. Play music for 10 to 12 seconds. When music stops, each child stops by a plate and turns it over to see if there is a face on the plate. 2. Child who finds the sad face shows his or her plate to the group and makes the appropriate facial expression. Other children copy the expression. Then child who turned over happy face shows plate and makes appropriate facial expression. Other children copy the happy expression. 3. Mix up plates and repeat game.

For Younger Children Children:

Walk in circle. When music stops, teacher holds up either a happy or sad plate face. Children make appropriate facial expressions.