

Last week we talked about some very special men. Does anyone remember what those men are called? (elders) What are some other words for elders? (bishop, pastor, shepherd, overseer) Does anyone remember the elder's names? (call them while pointing to their pictures)

Well, today we are going to talk about more special men. These men are called "deacons". Can you say "deacons"? We have a poster with the deacons pictures. Does anyone know any of these men? (point to each man as you say their name) Another meaning for deacon is "servant". A deacon is a servant. That means he serves someone. That someone is the elders. The elders make the decisions and give the deacons special jobs to do.

Just like elders, deacons must be a certain type of person. In I Timothy it says deacons must be a man of dignity, not a liar, not addicted to wine, not a lover of money, one who knows the scriptures, proven, husband of one wife, a good manager of his home and children. After a man meets these qualifications he may be selected and appointed to serve as a deacon. Here are some things a deacon might do:

- seeing to the needs of a widow or sick person
 - getting the church building painted
 - organizing the men who will pray, lead singing, serve the Lord's Supper
 - asking people to teach Bible classes
- His work can be anything that the elders may ask him.

All young Christian boys should live so that they can someday be a deacon. Make up your mind now that you want to serve the Lord in the best way you can. The church needs those who want to honor and serve him.

SING: "I Want to be a Worker For the Lord"
"2 Timothy 2:15" - Memory builders tape

TAKE HOME: Something to remind them to do their daily Bible reading.

Songs: I Want to be a Worker

I Tim 3:8-13

Deacons must: be respected by others
 Not saying things they do not mean
 Not drink too much wine
 Not try to get rich by cheating
 When tested, nothing found wrong
 Good leaders of family
 Bold in faith

Discussion

(Use poster of pictures of deacons and poster showing possible duties)

Duties might include:

Being a servant – organizing Bible classes, song-leading schedules,
Care of building, planning for meetings for
edifying of saints

Poster might depict photos of a deacon meeting with elder (showing who he is to serve/follow), distributing food to the door of widow, a picture of him and his family, taking roll at an assembly, pinning up a list on bulletin board, talking to a room full of teachers for the next teaching cycle

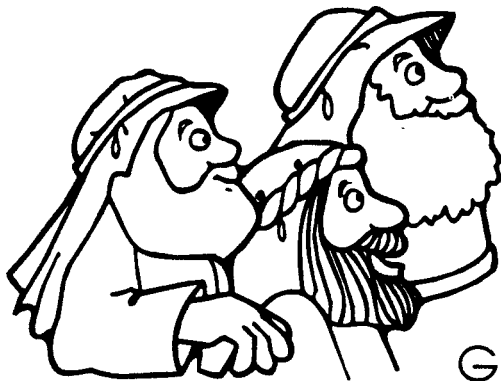
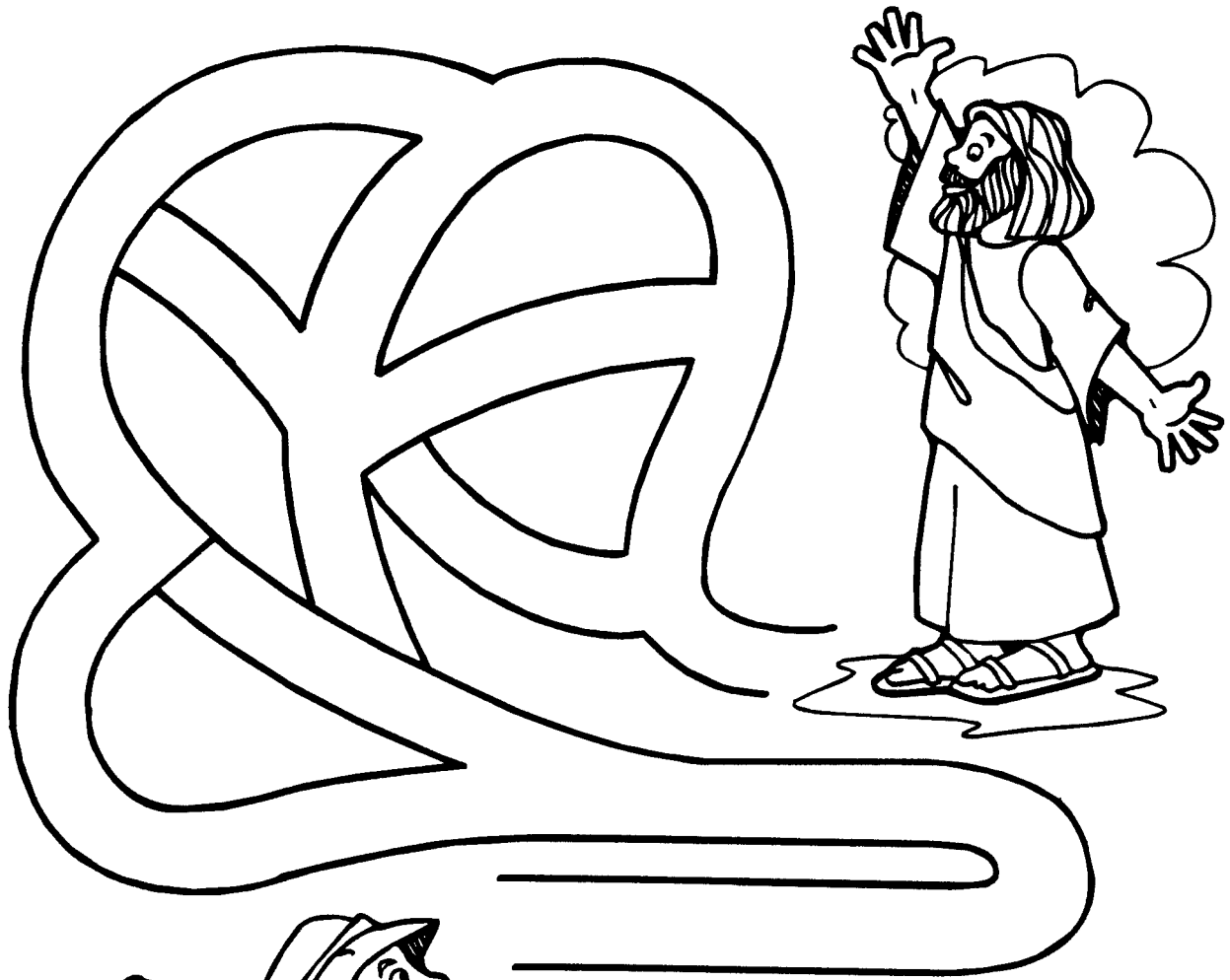
Activities

Hang laminated poster of 'deacons' and 'do not' sign. Using cards with adhesive, let children choose and apply to appropriate poster.

Use pictures from applications folder of ways that the students can be servants.

Spread the Word

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Get the disciples to Jesus,
For haven't you heard?
They are traveling with him
To help him spread God's word.



setting an example