

Lesson #3-30*Community and Condemnation*

Acts 6:1–7:2a, 44-60

**Key Verse:**

The word of God continued to spread.

Acts 6:7

The Point:

God is present in the midst of disagreement, fear, and danger.

Unit Theme (April 4—May 23)

Birth of the Church

Giving Our Gifts*Offer talents.***Supplies:**

- › Mural paper
- › Sticky notes
- › Markers
- › Internet-connected device
- › Optional: sheet music, song sheets, and instrumentalists

Preparation:

1. Create a large blank poster with the title “We give ourselves to you, God.”
2. Search online for “[We Are an Offering](#)” by Chris Christian. Website hyperlinks are provided for your convenience and are correct and relevant at the time of publication but may not be at the time of use.
3. Cue the video.

Instructions:

1. Give each person a sticky note.
2. Ask them to draw gifts or talents that they have that they can use to spread the word of God or to help those who are in need.
3. Play the video or sing the song “We Are an Offering” by Chris Christian as everyone brings their sticky notes forward and places them on the larger poster.
4. Close with a prayer: **God, we offer these gifts and talents to you. Help us to use them for the work of your church. Amen.**