

Stephen's Faith



Passage - Acts 6: 8-1

Prayer Time -

Ask for the Holy Spirit to help as you prepare and learn together.

Craft - Complete the Stop the difference.

Activity - What does it mean for me? Reflect on the story.

On the one hand this story is a very sad, scary story. But on the other it's amazing to see that God has a bigger plan and His Gospel is unstoppable. Find a rock from your garden, decorating it with 'forgiveness' or a verse which helps you to remember that Jesus forgave you so you can forgive others.

Prayer Time -

- Praise & thanks giving.
- Reflect on Story - Jesus is in control.
- Others; those who are at risk etc
- Ask God for help in these troubled times

Key Statement

They did not stop telling people about Jesus.

Keywords

- * Stoned - Stones were thrown at a person for punishment, which often lead to death.
- * Son of man - Jesus
- * Martyred - someone who dies for their faith.

Resources

<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/stephen-martyred/>

Question and Answer

What was Stephen doing and why did the Jewish leaders seize Stephen? 6:8 signs and wonders in the name of Jesus. 6:13 asked people to lie about Stephen.

Why did Stephen forgive them for killing him? 7:60 Jesus forgave Stephen therefore he asked God to forgive them also.

How does God use persecution to spread the good news about Jesus?

Christians were in danger so they scattered across the region. However they did not stop telling people about Jesus. Therefore his Gospel spread.

Who was watching with gladness? 8:1 Saul, who is this man?

Memory verse

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

DIG DEEPER:

What is the accusations that the Jewish leaders are bringing against Stephen? v6:13-14

What is the one thing we can be sure about concerning God? v7:48-50 He is in control and created everything

How is Holy Spirit evident in Stephen's life? He was able to explain the Old testament in a new way. Also did signs and wonders in the name of Jesus.

Where does God now dwell amongst his people? v2:4 His people

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Stephen forgives his murderers, v7:60. Why should we forgive those who treat us bad because we love Jesus?

how do we know God's Gospel is unstoppable?

Find a rock from your garden. Write/paint forgiveness on it. Choose a verse which helps you to remember that Jesus forgave you so you can forgive others.



THE STONING OF STEPHEN

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

