



"TEACHING KIDS TO KNOW GOD, NOT JUST ABOUT HIM!"

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Title : Stephen prays for his enemies .

Key Point: We can pray for those that hurt us.

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Welcome

Today we want the children to see that in the hour of our deepest need, Jesus is right there with us. Our Bible Story today is about Stephen and how he faced death, but still chose to pray! When we are faced with fear or troubles, we can pray. Not just for ourselves but for those that may be causing the troubles we face. Jesus said we must pray for our enemies, because when we forgive, we are the ones who will benefit.



Main Lesson

Songs :

1) What A Mighty God We Serve (Listener Kids) :

<https://youtu.be/lijsESdEnZg>

2) No Matter What I'm Facing (Roar VBS | Group Publishing) :

<https://youtu.be/Cd1qkujmFSE>

3) Be Exalted - (Watoto Children's Choir) :

https://youtu.be/r0_J2uDyCKk?list=PLKjq0EdkULctFCoRGJO4LFUuSIBQEotVB

4) I'm Trusting You (Roar VBS | Group Publishing) :

<https://youtu.be/OVDpHibftHs>

Bible Lesson - Stephen prays for his enemies (Acts 7:59-60)

Stephen prays for his enemies (ShareFaith) : <https://youtu.be/MbmUeBGzqA>



Stephen was a Christian who loved God very much. He understood the power of the Holy Spirit in his life. He was a Deacon (helper/servant) of the church and helped make sure that the poor widows received their fair share of food. He taught many people about Jesus and even performed many miracles in Jesus' name.

Stephen wanted everyone to know the good news about Jesus. He knew that there were many Jews who followed God but did not yet believe in Jesus. Many leaders did not like what Stephen was saying about Jesus and they became so angry that they began telling lies

about Stephen, to make everyone else hate him. They said Stephen was saying bad things about the Jews and about God. They said he wanted to destroy their temple and stop them from worshipping God.

Because they were so angry at Stephen they took him to the Jewish religious leaders, who could make decisions like in a courtroom. Even when the Jewish leaders of the synagogue were telling lies in the courtroom, Stephen continued to trust in God. He had so much faith in God that his face was peaceful. The people even said, "His face is like the face of an angel".

It must have been a frightening time for Stephen. The bible says the people were so angry at Stephen, yelling at him, they began throw stones at him. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep." (Acts 7:59, NIV)

A person who dies for their faith is called a martyr. Stephen is remembered as the first Christian martyr because he is the first person mentioned in the Bible who died because of his belief in Jesus. Stephen is an amazing example of someone who stood up for what they believed in, even when it meant they would suffer.

Others will hurt us, but we can pray for them. When we pray and forgive those that hurt us we take away the power that anger can place on us. We take control when we pray and forgive. It may not be easy but God is our strength and He will help us, because He knows how important it is to forgive.

Remember our Key Point: " We can pray for those that hurt us."



Life Application

(Questions for reflection) : *You can read (Acts 7:59-60)*

- 1) How did Stephen die? *(He was stoned to death.)*
- 2) Why did the people do what they did to Stephen? *(They did not like what he was saying about Jesus.)*
- 3) How can we know Stephen forgave those that killed him? *(He prayed "Lord, do not hold this sin against them.")*
- 4) What does forgiveness do for us? *(It set us free from being angry.)*
- 5) Have you prayed for those that have hurt you? *(If you need to forgive, ask God to help you. Then pray and be free.)*



A Short Prayer

Dear God,
Help us to forgive those that hurt us.
When we face trials or difficult people, help us to do things Your way.
May our lives be an example to others, telling all that God is Love!
Amen.



Prayer Whiz

Boys and Girls remember to be part of our monthly Prayer Whiz. Watch the Prayer Whiz video and Download your Prayer Whiz Monthly Handout from our website : <https://www.rhema.co.za/kids-ministry>



Activities

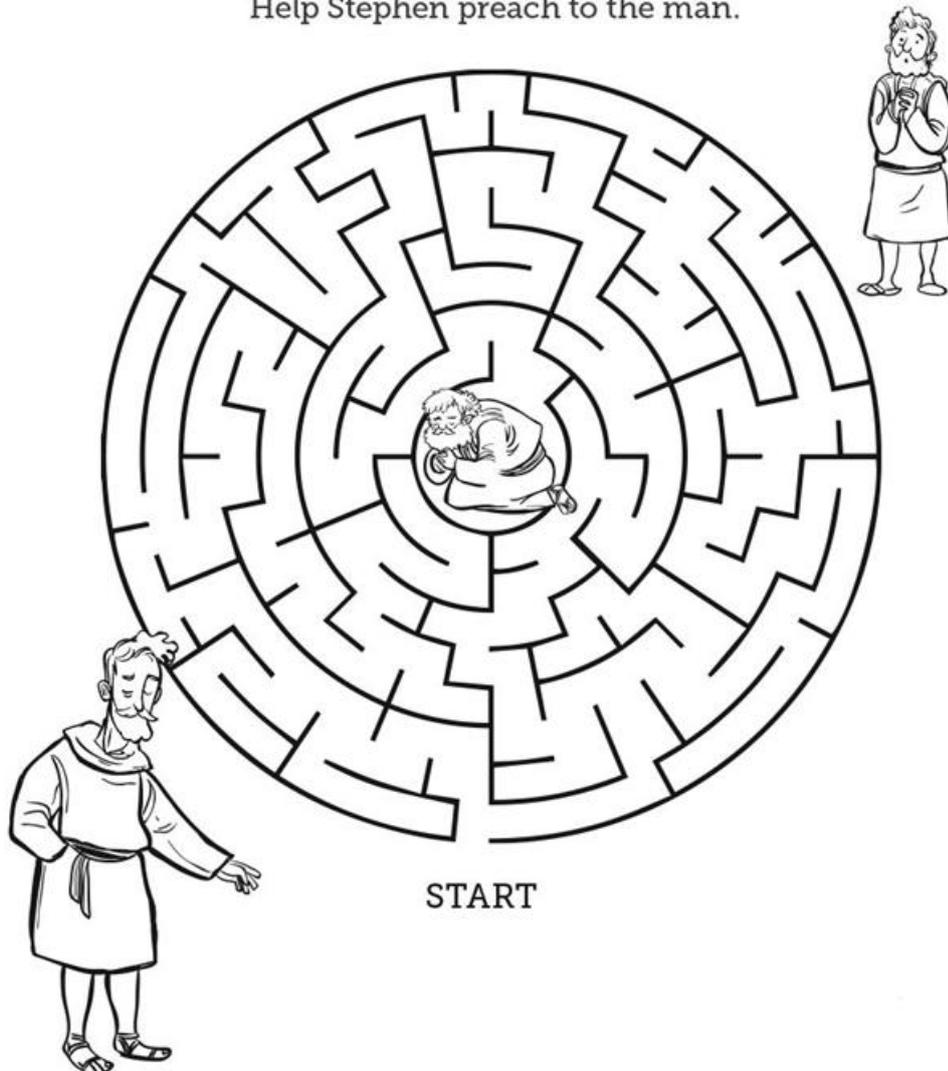
Spot the Difference : Find 7 things Different in the picture on the right.
(Answer at the end of this document.)



Maze :

THE STONING OF STEPHEN

Help Stephen preach to the man.



Word Search :



THE STONING OF STEPHEN

Discover the hidden words.



P	M	M	F	S	G	Y	L	K	P	N	N	J	Z	C
Q	R	E	F	S	E	E	Q	V	Z	E	B	G	L	B
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W	A	K	C	B	R	S	G	M	E	P	T	G	I	F

Word Bank

STEPHEN	STONES	CHRISTIANS
MIRACLES	GLOW	PRAYING
BLASPHEMY	LEADERS	JESUS
HATE	PHARISEES	SAUL

ANSWER : Spot the Difference

