

KIDTOWN GUIDE

Preschool

DATE: 1/17/21

SCRIPTURE: Acts 6-7

LESSON: Stephen's Sermon



INTRO

Say - Last week we talked about what it means to live like Jesus lived. Today we're going to talk about a man named Stephen who *did* live like Jesus lived.

Say it Loud and Proud - Instruct kids to stand in a circle. Tell kids to stand on one leg and try and hop counting to 10. If anyone wobbles and puts their foot down, stop the group and start them over from the beginning. (Increase to 15...20 if 10 is too easy, or have them pat their head while hopping...ect)

Say - It can be hard to balance and hop on one foot, right? Today we are going to learn about how forgiving someone can also be a hard thing to do. Let's hear our story!



LESSON - STEPHEN'S SERMON

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Stephen's Sermon](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Stephen said that Jesus was the Messiah and the religious leaders were mad!
(Kids repeat!)

Stephen loved Jesus and wanted to tell everyone about what Jesus. God gave Stephen power to do amazing things! A Lot of people like the religious leaders still didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God - the Messiah. He tried to teach them about Jesus, but they didn't believe what He was saying. They were very angry with him and wanted him to die. This didn't stop Stephen from telling the truth about Jesus though!! It was a sad day when the leaders decided to throw rocks at Stephen and kill him for believing in and talking about Jesus.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus forgives us so we can forgive those who hurt us. (Kids repeat!)

Right before Stephen died He shouted, "Jesus forgive them!" Stephen knew that although they had hurt him, Jesus would still forgive them. That can help teach us to forgive other people who hurt us, even when we do the right thing. When Jesus died on the cross, He forgave all of our yucky sin and took it all away! He gave us the power to forgive those who hurt us, too. What an amazing gift Jesus gives to us!



RESPONSE

Sing: [Life and Godliness](#) (Key Passage Song)
[Good Good Father](#)

Pray: Jesus, thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit to help us live like you. You have never left us alone! Help us remember to always look for you for every step we take and live just like You did! We love you.

Discuss:

- Who did Stephen tell the religious leaders about? Jesus!
- Did the religious leaders believe Jesus was the Messiah? *No! They thought he was lying.*
- What did they do to Stephen? They killed him.
- What did Stephen ask Jesus to do? He shouted, "Jesus forgive them!"
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#) of people living like Jesus.

Say it Loud and Proud - Form a circle on the floor. Write a message about Jesus on a piece of paper and wad it into a ball. (Message: Jesus is the Messiah!) Give the paper ball to a child. Play music while preschoolers pass the paper around the circle. When you stop the music, the child holding the paper should open it and have a leader help them read it. The child will stand up and proudly say the message to the group. Roll up the paper again and play again as time allows.

Say - You spoke up and told about Jesus. Stephen spoke up and told the Jewish leaders that Jesus is the Messiah and they were wrong to reject Jesus. This made the leaders angry. They were so angry that some of the people hurt Stephen because he followed Jesus. Jesus told His disciples that people would hurt them for loving Him. When people are mean to us because we love Jesus, we can be brave because people hurt Jesus too. Jesus died and came back to life, and one day we will live with Him forever.