

The Gospel is For All



Parents' Page

Lesson 4

Courage to Teach the Gospel

Your child should understand...

Courage — Trusting God to help us teach the gospel

Your child should be able to...

1. List two characteristics of Stephen.
2. Explain why some of the Jews hated Stephen.
3. Describe how Stephen was killed.

Your child should be able to say...

Acts 2:38

“Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” (NASB)

Please help your child read...

- 1 Acts 6:1-6, 8-11
- 2 Acts 7:1-8
- 3 Acts 7:23-25, 30-34
- 4 Acts 7:46-53
- 5 Acts 7:54-60; Acts 8:1-3

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As Jesus' church grew and grew, the people had to learn how to share everything they had with one another. At that time, widows needed lots of special help. The apostles told the church to choose seven good men to decide who needed help. These seven men were to make sure the widows and others got what they needed. Stephen was the first man chosen by the church because he was full of faith and of the Holy Spirit.

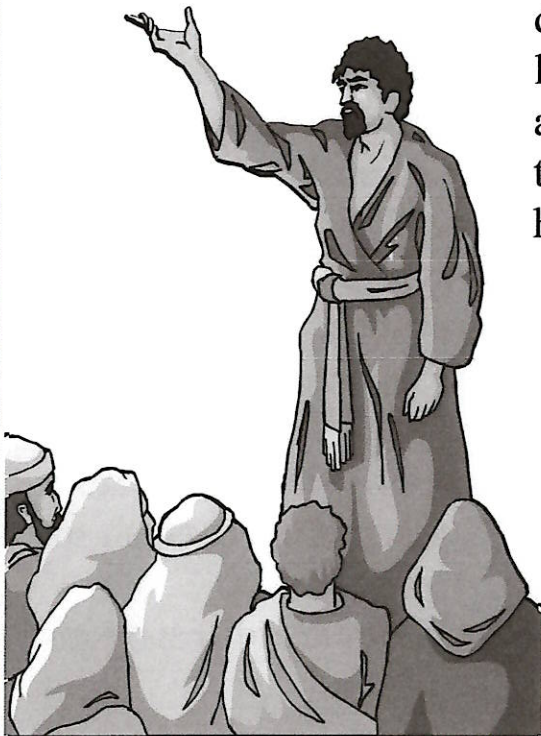
The Bible tells us that Stephen was full of

_____ and of the _____

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Stephen was a bold preacher of the gospel. He told people the truth about Jesus. Some of the Jews hated him because he preached that Jesus was God's Son. They became very angry. Stephen was in great danger, but he wasn't afraid. Suddenly they rushed at Stephen and grabbed him. They

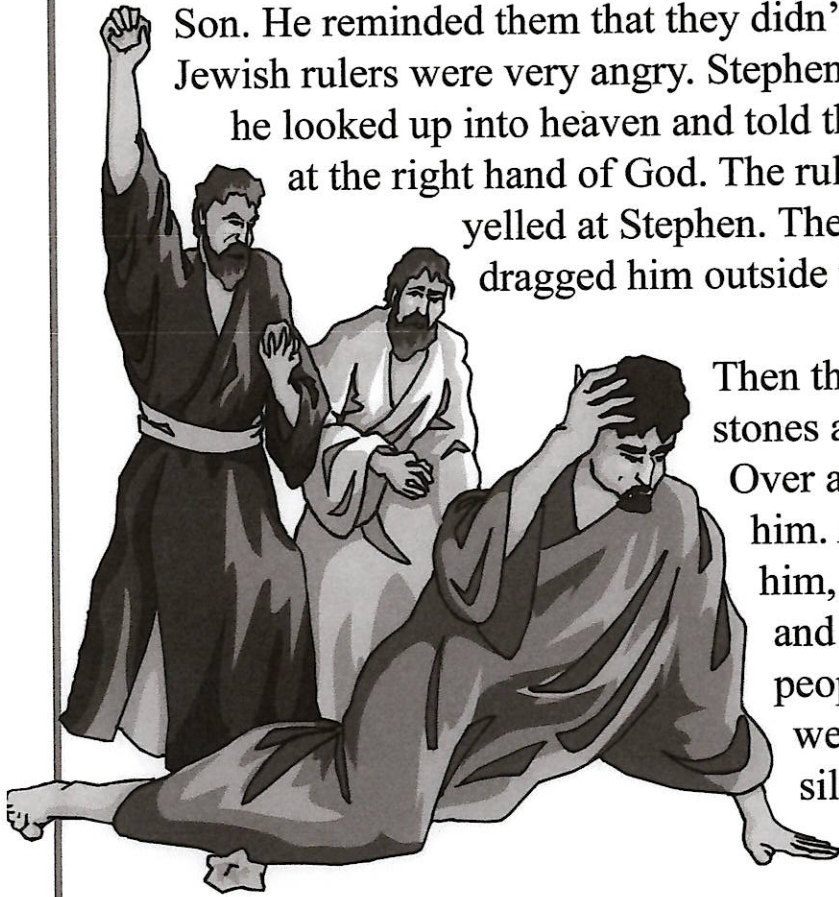
dragged him to their rulers. Some people lied and said that Stephen was speaking evil about Moses and about God. Stephen told them this wasn't true. But they didn't want to hear that.



Some of the Jews hated Stephen because

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Stephen told them that their grandfathers and great-great-grandfathers had killed God's prophets. He said that some of the Jews had killed God's Son. He reminded them that they didn't obey God's laws. Now the Jewish rulers were very angry. Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit, so he looked up into heaven and told them that he saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. The rulers covered their ears and yelled at Stephen. They were so angry that they dragged him outside the city gate.



Then the Jewish rulers picked up stones and threw them at Stephen. Over and over and over the stones hit him. As the stones were pounding him, Stephen prayed to God and asked Him to forgive the people for this horrible sin they were doing. Soon his body was silent and still. Stephen was the first man to be killed for preaching about Jesus.

Be ready to tell the class the story of how Stephen was killed.

When we tell people about Jesus, sometimes they might make fun of us or laugh at us or even try to hurt us. But, just like Stephen, we must be brave and bold and keep on teaching about Jesus as long as we live.

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Memory Verse:

It's time to **say your memory verse in Bible class without any help!**
Are you ready?

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Sailing Through the Bible Facts

What are the books **1 & 2 Timothy** about?
(Elders, deacons, widows, and preachers)

Use a **hairbrush for your microphone**, and say
all 66 books of the Bible.

Look at your **Bible map**, and put your **thumb** on the
city of **Capernaum.**

