

Story 10 : The Death of Stephen

Main Bible verse
[Acts 7:59]

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After the resurrection of Jesus, the apostles preached the word of God even more diligently and many believed. The apostles chose seven men who would be responsible for looking after the church. Among them was a man full of faith named Stephen. The name "Stephen" means "crown." Stephen did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. Like Jesus, he healed the sick and drove out demons. And so many people followed Stephen. By the wisdom of God, Stephen clearly explained the Word of God to the people. So more and more people followed Stephen. Then one day, some people, who were jealous and hated Stephen, lied to the elders and teachers of the law saying that he had severely disrespected God and His Word. Stephen was brought before the religious rulers. All the religious rulers looked carefully at Stephen, but Stephen's face was like the face of an angel. At that time in Judaism, the punishment for severely disrespecting God and God's Word was death by stoning. Those who hated and were jealous of Stephen wanted him to be stoned to death. Stephen was not afraid. He continued preaching the word of God with confidence. They began to throw stones at him! Stephen knelt and prayed. "Lord, receive my spirit and do not hold this sin against them." Eventually, Stephen died. Stephen preached the word of God until he died. So Stephen became the first man to give his life for the early church.



Activity 1.

Answer the following questions.

a. What did Stephen do?

b. Who was the first man to give his life for the early church?

c. Read Acts 7:54-60 and answer: What are the three things that Stephen said during his sermon and when he was stoned? Please fill in the blanks.

◆ "Look!" he said. "I see _____ open. The _____ is standing at God's right hand."

◆ "Lord Jesus, receive my _____," he said.

◆ "Lord! Don't _____ this _____ against them!"

● Read and memorize the Bible verse. (Acts 7:59)

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Activity 2.

Find 10 hidden images in the following picture.

► Christmas hat, volleyball, baseball bat, pear, walkie-talkie, snake, wrench, hot pepper, snail, fork.

