

## **TELL THE BIBLE STORY: STEPHEN PREACHED**

Stephen was a Christian with great faith. The Holy Spirit was with him. He taught many people about Jesus. God helped Stephen to do many amazing things. But some people did not agree with Stephen. They tried to argue with him, but the Holy Spirit gave Stephen words that were wise. Some people turned against him and took him before a court of Jewish leaders. The people told lies about things that Stephen preached. “Are these things true?” asked the High Priest.

As Stephen stood before the court, he began to preach about Jesus. Stephen preached many things that were true about how God helped Abraham, Joseph, Jacob, Moses, and others. He preached about God living in heaven and sending His Son, Jesus, to earth. Then Stephen accused the Jewish leaders of putting Jesus to death. When they heard what Stephen said, the men became very angry. But the Holy Spirit was with Stephen. Stephen looked into heaven and saw the glory of God. He saw Jesus standing at God’s right hand. “Look!” said Stephen. He told the men what he saw. The men became so upset that they screamed loudly and rushed toward Stephen. They dragged him out of the city and began to throw stones at him. The robes that the men had been wearing were laid at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Stephen called out to Jesus as the rocks were hitting him. With a loud voice, he asked Jesus to forgive the men who were stoning him. After Stephen said this, he died.

—BASED ON ACTS 6:8–7

### **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- What did God help Stephen do? (*many amazing things*)
- Why did some people turn against Stephen? (*They disagreed and tried to argue with Stephen.*)
- Why did the Jewish leaders become angry? (*Stephen accused them of putting Jesus to death.*)
- What did Stephen see when he looked into heaven? (*Jesus standing at the right hand of God*)
- What did the men do when Stephen told them what he saw? (*They became very angry, dragged Stephen out of the city and stoned him.*)
- What did Stephen ask Jesus to do right before he died? (*to forgive the men who were stoning him*)