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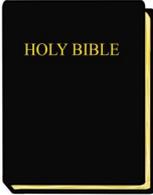
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# Puzzle Page Level 2

## Stephen

### God's brave servant



Acts 6 & 7

Peter and the other apostles were very busy telling people the good news about Jesus but they needed some men to help look after the poor people in the church.

Circle the number of helpers they chose: 5 6 7 8

Stephen became a servant in the early church. He was chosen because he could be trusted and because he trusted God.



Complete this verse describing Stephen's character:

Of H \_\_\_\_\_ report, full of the H \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_  
 and w \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 6 v 3)



Some of the religious leaders did not believe that Jesus was God's Son who had come to be the Saviour and so they tried to stop the apostles and their helpers speaking to the people. They soon examined Stephen and had him arrested but instead of defending himself Stephen preached an amazing sermon to them.

Colour in Stephen being arrested.



## Stephen's Sermon

Stephen started by reminding them of God's promises to *Abraham*, *Isaac* and *Jacob*. But then he warned them how that despite God's goodness and mercy to the Jews, throughout history they had rejected those whom God had sent:

1. *Joseph* saved his family from dying in the famine but many years earlier his brothers had sold him into Egypt
2. *Moses* had delivered them from slavery in Egypt but many years earlier his family had refused him.
3. The *prophets* warned that the Jews would be taken into Babylon but they continued to worship idols and false gods.
4. God had sent 'the *Just One*' Jesus to be the Saviour but they had become His betrayers and murderers.

In the wordsearch, find the names of 7 people who Stephen spoke about in his sermon (all in italics above).

J	O	S	E	P	H
U	T	M	I	R	F
S	J	A	C	O	B
T	F	H	A	P	M
O	N	A	A	H	O
N	E	R	S	E	S
E	C	B	I	T	E
K	E	A	D	S	S

Knowing that those listening needed to repent Stephen was very honest with them.

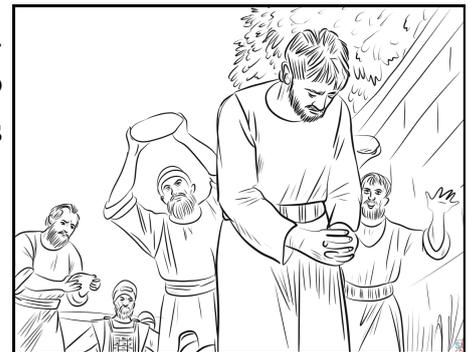
Stephen said they were being s \_\_\_\_\_ (stubborn) just as their fathers had been.

(Use the remaining letters in the wordsearch to fill in the missing word)

The religious leaders covered their ears and would not listen. They threw Stephen out of the city. Stephen was not afraid to die. He knew that he had repented of his sins and that Jesus had died for him. Jesus has promised that:

**He that shall endure unto the end,  
the same shall be saved.**

Matthew 24 v 13



Stephen looked steadfastly up to heaven. They threw stones at him but Stephen would not deny Jesus. He endured (was faithful to God) to the end.

Eventually Stephen was killed but the Bible doesn't say he died. Write out the last 3 words of Acts 7 v 60, \_\_\_\_\_. Because Stephen is named in heaven in the book of life then it was just like he went to sleep and woke up in heaven.

Using all the underlined words that are on both sides of this sheet, complete the following acrostic about what you have learnt about Stephen:

S \_\_\_\_\_

T \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_

P \_\_\_\_\_

H \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_

N \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven

### Questions for you to think about:

Are you a follower of Jesus as Stephen was?

Have you put God first in your life?

Can you be described as honest and trustworthy?

Have you repented of your sins and put your trust in Jesus?

Will you endure to the end? Is your name in heaven?