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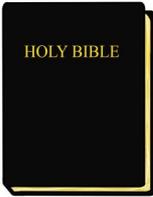
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Puzzle Page Level 3

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 chose 7 men to help look after the poor people in the church.

Name one of the men who was chosen _____ (Acts 6 v 5)

However, 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.

Stephen was arrested but instead of defending himself Stephen preached an amazing sermon to them.



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Stephen's Sermon

(If you are doing this sheet alongside the lesson you will need to start the next page first and then come back to this when you get to the letter P)

Stephen started by reminding them of God's promises to _____, _____ and _____ (Acts 7 v 8). 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:

J	O	S	E	P	H
U	M	M	U	R	R
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1. _____ saved his family from dying in the famine but many years earlier his brothers had sold him into Egypt. (Acts 7 v 9)

2. _____ had delivered them from slavery in Egypt but many years earlier his family had refused him. (Acts 7 v 25)

3. The _____ warned that the Jews would be taken into Babylon but they continued to worship idols and false gods. (Acts 7 v 42-43)

4. God had sent 'the _____'; Jesus, to be the Saviour but they had rejected Him. (Acts 7 v 52)

Find the missing names in the wordsearch. Use the remaining letters to find out what Stephen called these religious leaders: _____ (Acts 7 v 52)

Using Stephen's name there are seven things that we can remember about Stephen from these 2 chapters. From the lessons and/or by looking in your Bible fill in the gaps:

<p>S is for servant</p>	<p>Stephen was chosen to 'serve tables'. Name one group of people he was looking after in the church. (Acts 6 v 1)</p>
<p>T is for trusted</p>	<p>Stephen could be trusted and is described as being of report. (Acts 6 v 3) He was also a man who trusted God and is described as being full ofand of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 6 v 5)</p>
<p>E is for examined</p>	<p>Very soon Stephen began to be challenged by the Jews. Name one of the groups of people who disputed with him? (Acts 6 v 9) First they questioned him themselves but then they stirred up others and had Stephen arrested.</p>
<p>P is for preached</p>	<p>Stephen then preached, warning them not to be like their fathers. He reminded them that Moses had said God would send a prophet 'like unto me; him shall ye hear.' (Acts 7 v 37) Who was this a prophecy about? Did they listen him?</p>
<p>H is for honest</p>	<p>Knowing that these religious leaders needed to repent, Stephen was very <u>honest</u> with them. He says, 'Ye s.....(stubborn) ...ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. (Acts 7 v 51). It made them feel guilty but also very angry.</p>
<p>E is for endured</p>	<p>They threw Stephen out of the city and threw stones at him. But Stephen would not deny Jesus. He <u>endured</u> (was faithful to God) to the end. What was Stephen doing as he died? (Acts 7 v 59)</p>
<p>N is for named In heaven</p>	<p>Eventually Stephen was killed but the Bible doesn't say he died. Stephen had repented of his sins and Jesus had died for him and so Stephen was named in heaven in the book of life. How does the Bible describe his death? (Acts 7 v 60)</p>

How is Stephen a good example to us of how a follower of Jesus should be?

1.
2.
3.



Jesus said,

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

Matthew 24 v 13

