



Children's Cell Newsletter

March 3, 2024

Dear Parents,

I'd love for you to use this newsletter to review this week's Bible story with your child at home.

This week, we'll learn about **"Stephen Was Arrested"** (Acts 6-7). *Our Bible story teaches us how a follower of Jesus named Stephen taught stories from the Old Testament to show the religious leaders that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's plan to save sinners.*

Review the gospel and encourage your child to speak with you if they have questions. Remind your child that Jesus suffered and died to pay for our sins. Encourage your child to remember that as Jesus' followers, we can have hope even when we face persecution because Jesus died and rose again. All who trust in Him will live forever with Him. Remind your child that Stephen suffered and died for the name of Jesus, but he died with great hope as he saw Jesus in heaven. Tell your child that we can face suffering in this life because Jesus suffered first. He died and then rose again, and He is waiting for us in heaven.

Then pray, asking God to help us live for Him no matter what hardships we may face.

Grace and blessings in Christ,

Danny Sungshin Park

Pastor of Children's Cell

SParkforChrist @ gmail.com





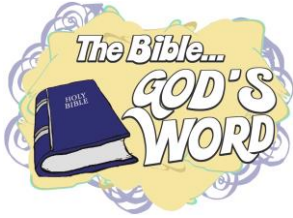
Stephen Was Arrested

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 6-7

KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 53:5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *Why did Jesus become human?*

Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.



Stephen was one of Jesus' followers. God blessed Stephen and gave him power to do great wonders and signs. One day, some Jews began to argue with Stephen. The Holy Spirit helped Stephen speak with wisdom, so no matter how hard the Jews tried, they could not win the argument.

But the Jews lied about Stephen; they said he had spoken against God. The people dragged Stephen to the Sanhedrin (san HEE drihn), the Jewish court, and told more lies. "We heard Stephen say that Jesus will destroy the temple and change the laws that Moses gave us," they said. "Is this true?" the high priest asked Stephen.

Stephen began to preach about Jesus. He reminded the court about Abraham. God had made promises to Abraham and his son Isaac. He reminded them about Joseph and Moses.



God kept Joseph safe when his brothers tried to hurt him, and God used Joseph to help all His people during a famine. When God's people lived in Egypt, God called Moses to rescue His people from Pharaoh. Moses led God's people away from Egypt, but they turned against Moses and against God. God did not give up on His people, though. He was working out a plan. God worked through Joshua and David and Solomon.



The religious leaders knew these stories from the Old Testament. Stephen told them these stories to explain that Jesus was the Messiah God had promised! But just like their ancestors rejected and killed the prophets in the Old Testament, these Jewish leaders had rejected Jesus and murdered Him!

Stephen's words made the Jewish leaders so angry! Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit. He looked up to heaven and saw Jesus standing there.

"Look!" he said. "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

The Jewish leaders screamed at the top of their lungs. They covered their ears and rushed at Stephen. They threw him out of the city and began throwing stones at him. Stephen called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" Then he said, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" After this, Stephen died.

Jesus told His followers that they would be persecuted—hated, hurt, or even killed—for loving Him. Jesus also said that those who suffer for Him would be blessed. We can face suffering in this life because Jesus suffered first. He died and then rose again, and He is waiting for us in heaven.

Key Passage



**He was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement
that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.**

« Isaiah 53:5 »

Children's Cell VAIBC





REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service starts at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ **This week's Bible reading range is**
from Day 29 to Day 32 (1 Samuel 20:30~21:15).
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



"The Church Spread Out" (Acts 8)

