

THY WILL BE DONE

Acts 6:8 tells us Stephen was full of...

_____ and _____.

How did Stephen's preaching affect the Jewish leaders? (Acts 7:54)

Facing death at the hands of an angry mob, the heavens were opened to Stephen (Acts 7:55,56). How do you think the vision affected him?

Our Christian testimony may not always be well received, but what would happen if everyone held back because of the fear of persecution?

Explain Matthew 10:39.

How is God able to make a trial a blessing?

STEPHEN - NO LOSER

Stephen was chosen to serve God.

Read Acts 6:5, 8

What kind of man was Stephen? _____

Read Acts 6:7 - 10

Why do you think the Jews were upset with Stephen? _____

Read Acts 6:11 - 14

How did the Jews arrest Stephen?

- a) they tricked him into saying something wrong
- b) they brought in men to lie about Stephen
- c) they caught Stephen telling lies about Moses

Read Acts 6:15

How did Stephen respond to the charges against him? _____

Read Acts 7:54, 57 - 58

How did the Jews react to Stephen's sermon?

- a) they felt sad and sorry for their sins
- b) they didn't care what he said
- c) they felt convicted for their sins and were angry

Read Acts 7:55 - 56

What did God show Stephen to encourage him? _____

Read Acts 7:59 - 60

How did Stephen feel about those who were hurting him? _____

Read Matthew 10:39

How do you think God rewarded Stephen for standing up for his faith in Jesus? _____

Fill in the blanks with your name

IF _____ HOLDS ONTO _____'S LIFE, _____ WILL
LOSE IT - BUT IF _____ GIVES AWAY _____'S LIFE FOR
JESUS' SAKE, _____ WILL GET ETERNAL LIFE.

How do you think God will reward you for standing up for your faith in Christ? _____

A Letter Home

Read Acts 6:1 – 15; and Acts 7:54 – 60

Let's pretend that Stephen had a brother who saw the whole thing happen. He writes home to their mother about it. Use the Key below to solve the code.

Dear _____,
⊕

You know _____ was chosen to serve _____ because he was full
Φ ∇

of _____'s Holy _____. He told the _____
∇ Ψ ↔

about _____. Some _____ tried to argue with him and lost.
Ω ↔

They got so _____ they threw big _____ at _____.
∞ Φ

Before he died, _____ showed him _____. He said he saw
∇ ↑

_____ standing next to _____! _____
Ω ∇ Φ

asked _____ to forgive the _____ who were stoning him.
∇ ↔

Then he died. _____, we will see _____ in _____!
⊕ Φ ↑

Love, Abe

Answer Key:

Mom = ⊕

Heaven = ↑

People = ↔

Jesus = Ω

Spirit = Ψ

Stephen = Φ

God = ∇

Stones = ∞

Angry = #

OBJECT LESSON / OPENER IDEAS

1. OBJECT – a pile of stones (about the size of your fist or larger)
Arrange pile of stones on table in your classroom to illustrate the method used to kill Stephen.

2. OBJECT – two coats
Wear two coats that can be removed as you talk, such as:

Overcoat and a blazer
Cardigan Sweater and Raincoat

When you reach the part of the story where the angry crowd “laid down their clothes” and stoned Stephen, explain how they got “heated up” and took off their coats to kill him.
Take off your coats and hand them to someone as you talk.