

Grades
5+6

ACTS of the Apostles

Lesson 5

Stephen

Acts 6 & 7

1. What was the problem that arose with the church? (Ch. 6, vs. 1)
2. Name the deacons that were appointed by the apostles.
3. What were these deacons to do?
4. What happened to Stephen because he taught about Christ? (6:12)
5. What did they accuse him of doing?
6. What did Stephen's face look like to the council?
7. In chapter 7 verses 2-50, Stephen teaches how the Jews destroyed their prophets. What did he accuse the council of doing? (vs. 52)
8. How did Stephen's sermon make the council feel? (vs. 54)
9. What did Stephen see before he died? (vs. 56)
10. What did the council do to him next?
11. What did Stephen pray that the Lord would do to the council?
12. What is a "martyr"? (look in dictionary)

Review previous memory verses.

Stephen

Concept development: Faith – Being faithful unto death and during trials

Words to define:

Body:

Seven men chosen to serve the believing widows among them

Men of good report

Full of the Holy Spirit

Full of wisdom

Stephen was teaching in the synagogue and he began to dispute with certain of the Jews

The Jews were not able to withstand Stephen's teaching

They bribed false witness against Stephen

They said that Stephen had spoken blasphemous words against Moses and God

They stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes

Stephen is seized and taken before the council

This man continues to speak words against this holy place and the law

That Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this temple

He will change the customs of Moses

The council stared at Stephen because his face was like the face of an angel

Stephen sermon

Abraham

Left his home and wondered in a land that was not his own

Joseph

Sold into bondage

Became second in command in Egypt

Jacob moved his family down to Egypt where they became slaves

Moses

Protected as a child

Raised in the house of Pharaoh

He tries to lead his people from bondage

God calls Moses to lead His people from bondage

He spoke of a coming prophet that would be like him

David

Found favor in God's eyes and wanted to build a house for God

Solomon built the Temple

Stephen makes his point

Their fathers had rejected the prophets as they are rejecting Christ

The prophets that your fathers killed showed the way to the Christ

They had betrayed and murdered the Righteous One

They had not kept the law

The Response

They were cut to the heart and gnashed on him with their teeth

They cast him out of the city and stoned him