

April 18, 2021

Stephen's  
Witness



## Acts 6:1 - 7:2a, 44-60



Stephen told everyone what Jesus said: "Love God. Love and take care of others."

But some people didn't like Stephen's words.

"He says we should change our laws," one man said. Another said, "He says the way we do things is wrong."

They gathered around Stephen. "Why are you saying these things?" they shouted.

God's Holy Spirit gave Stephen the words to say. "God loves God's people," he said. "But God's people keep doing whatever they want. They say it's what God wants. But it's not."

This made the people angry.

Stephen continued. "If we really love God, we have to change what we do."

They people got so angry, they threw big stones at Stephen until he died.

But Stephen's words were so powerful, the good news of Jesus kept growing and growing.



## Words of the Spirit

When God's Spirit moves through you, the words that come out are of God's truth!

## Did'ja Know?

The Holy Spirit didn't just work only in Bible times. Today, the Spirit moves people to speak truth, justice, and hold on to the light of God.

THE TRUTH

Move our hearts, Holy Spirit, to speak words of truth, and become the love of God.



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Fun Stuff



# PICTURE IT

Draw in a picture or write a short poem for each of the kids along the path. They're gathering together to celebrate the love of God. You may write or draw right next to each image.

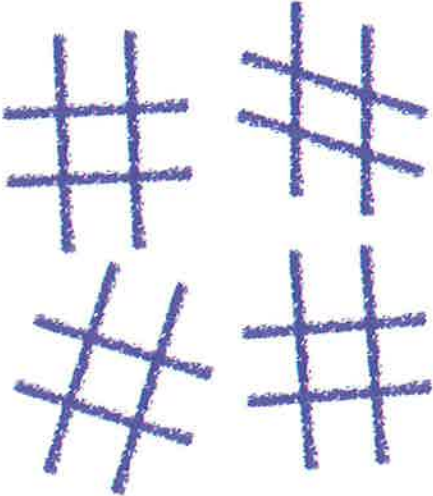
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## TRY IT AT HOME

In the church, today's date is still part of the season of Easter. Include a prayer of thanks especially during this time, for those who speak truth in the world, no matter the personal cost to them.

# TICTACTOE



Well  
Gee  
Whiz!

In the Roman Catholic Church, Stephen is considered the patron saint of deacons, headaches, horses, coffin makers, and masons. He is often represented carrying a pile of rocks or with rocks on his head.

