

Acts 6:8-15; 7; 8:1-2

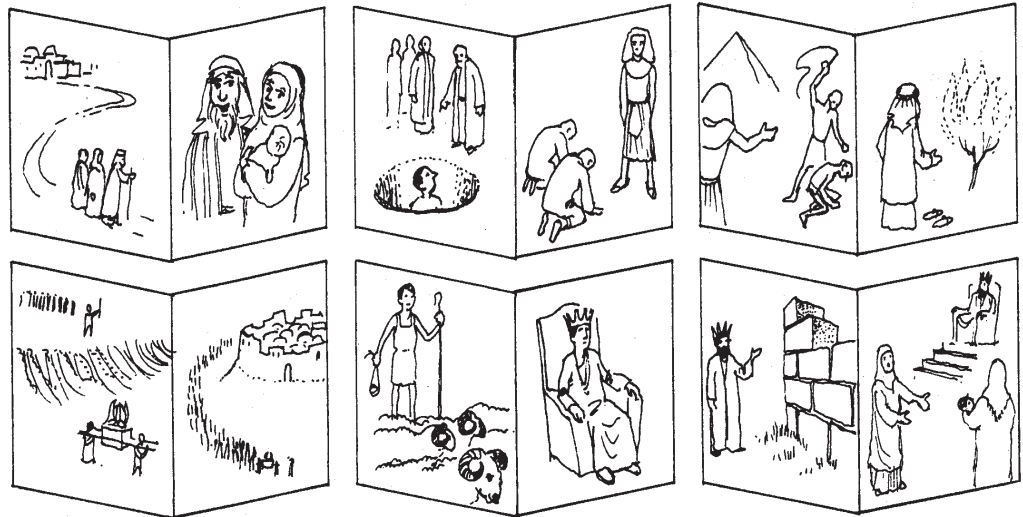
I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

Philemon 6

Readings this week:

S Acts 6: 8-15
M Acts 7: 1-8
T Acts 7: 9-16
W Acts 7: 17-36
Th Acts 7: 37-53
F Acts 7: 54-60
S 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Each of these pairs of pictures depict a character from Stephen's speech. Read through it and identify who they are. Write their names by them.



Which two people that Stephen mentions became leaders of the very people who had at first rejected them?

Why do you think he reminds them of this?



Look at Acts 7:54 - 60. What do you think Stephen meant by his last words?

What do you think it means to be “full of faith” (Acts 6:5). Look through Stephen’s speech to see what he believes and how he acts, to see if you can make a list of things that being full of faith involves.

Do you know your Bible well enough to explain your faith like Stephen did?

At the beginning of Acts 8 the disciples leave Jerusalem and find homes over a wide area. What effect did this have on the early church?

Do you believe what Stephen believed? Can you think of ways in which the things you believe change the way you live your life? Talk about your ideas with your group.

Digging Deeper

Remind yourself what Stephen said when they were throwing stones at him. Acts 7:60

Do you think God could forgive these people? Look at these verses and try to understand a bit better how Stephen could have said what he did.

What did Stephen understand about God?

Romans 2:1-4

Matthew 7:1-5

Matthew 5:44

Dan 9:9

1 John 1:8-10

Pray that you may get to know and understand God’s word more and more.