



I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)

Killed for His Faith

Acts 7-8:2

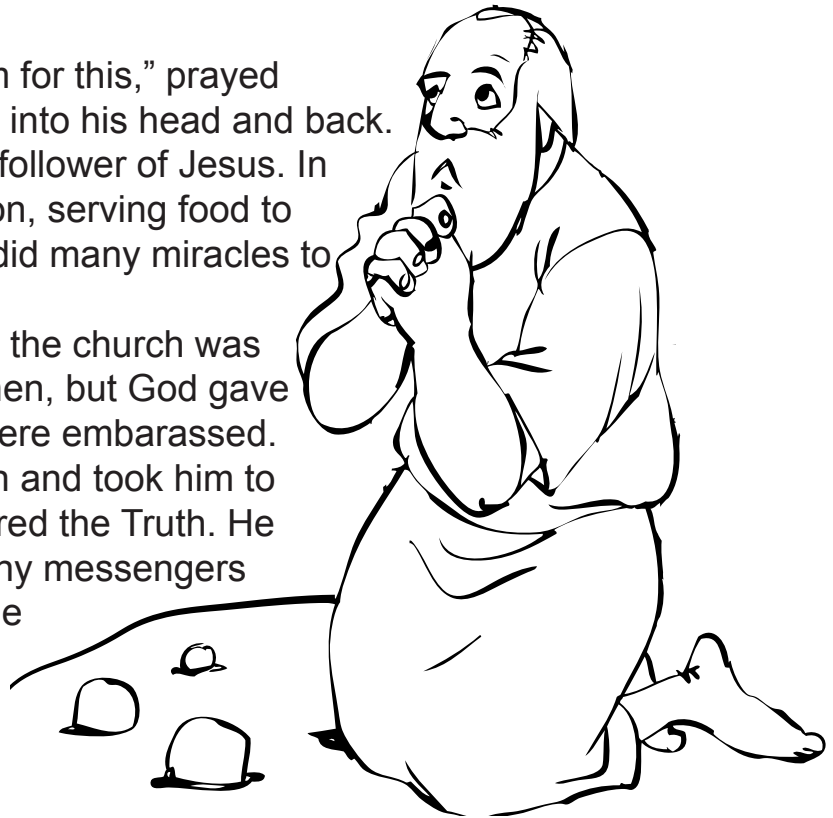
"Lord, please don't punish them for this," prayed Stephen as heavy rocks crashed into his head and back.

Stephen loved God and was a follower of Jesus. In the early church, he was a deacon, serving food to the poor. He helped people and did many miracles to show the people Jesus' love.

Jewish leaders were upset that the church was growing. They argued with Stephen, but God gave him so much wisdom that they were embarrassed. So, they falsely accused Stephen and took him to the Counsel. There Stephen shared the Truth. He explained how God had sent many messengers to bring them back to God, but the Israelites kept rejecting God.

He told them that they had rejected and killed the Promised Holy One, the Messiah -- Jesus.

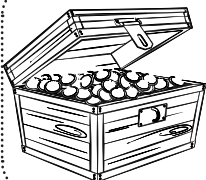
They got really mad and took Stephen out of town and stoned him. Before Stephen died, he asked God to forgive them. Even though Stephen died, he is an example to many Christians of how we can forgive those who do wrong to us.



What did we discover?

- 1) Stephen was a follower of _____ and a deacon in the early church.
 PEOPLE JESUS LAWS
- 2) Stephen did many _____ and served food to the poor.
 TRICKS EXERCISES MIRACLES
- 3) The leaders threw _____ to kill Stephen.
 ROCKS WORDS STICKS
- 4) Stephen asked God not to _____ them for what they were doing.
 FORGIVE PUNISH HURT

**Could I give my everything to Jesus
even if it cost my life?**



My life is for Jesus.
 Jesus cares when His people
 are being mistreated.
 I am not alone.



**Father God,
 help those
 who are being
 mistreated for
 their faith in You.**

