

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us live with determination. First, watch the elementary video on the Lifewaysc Youtube Channel. Then follow up with the activity below!

ACTIVITY: The Stories of Old

WHAT YOU NEED:

Play-Doh® (Optional: paper and crayons or markers)

WHAT YOU DO:

Remind everyone how during today's story, Stephen shared stories from Israel's history and explained how they pointed to Jesus. Work together to write down as many stories from the Bible as you can remember. (For example: Noah, Joseph, Moses, crossing the Red Sea, David and Goliath, Daniel in the lions' den, Jesus' birth, Jesus with Mary and Martha, the good Samaritan, the story of the lost son, Jesus' death and resurrection, etc.) Encourage each person to use the Play-Doh to shape a character or item—either from Stephen's story or one of the other stories they remember. As you work, talk about what you're making and what happened in that story. (Optional: if you don't have Play-Doh, you can draw these characters or items instead.)

Talk about the Bible story:

o Who was Stephen? (a leader in the church who got in trouble for talking about Jesus)
o What did Stephen do when he was in front of the religious leaders? (He talked about how Jesus was the Savior God had promised.)

o How did the religious leaders respond to Stephen's message? (They became angry and decided to throw stones at him.)

o What did Stephen do right before he died? (*He* asked God to forgive the leaders for what they were doing.)

o Stephen trusted that God knew the end of the story. How can we trust God when we face something hard?

o What can we do to find the determination to keep going, even when we don't know what will happen next?

PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible Story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, You are so awesome and amazing! You know *everything*—and that is SO cool! We know that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what**, because You know the end of the story. Please help us to remember that when we face difficult situations in life. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

MEMORY VERSE

"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9, NIrV

> LIFE APP DETERMINATION:

Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started

BIBLE STORY

Stephen (Acts 6:1–7:60)

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going because God knows the end of the story.



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