



## Bonus Activities

Date: May 31

**Bible Passage:** Acts 6:8—7:60

(Stephen Is Martyred)

### God is the One True God

#### Additional activities for younger children:

*You may choose to do these all on Sunday, or spread them out throughout the week, reminding your children what they learned in the past lesson.*

#### Option 1: Chalk it out (craft)

Children remember how important it is to tell others about Jesus by writing it on the sidewalk!

##### SUPPLIES

- Sidewalk chalk

##### RELATE

Let's work together to decorate the sidewalk to tell others about who Jesus is just like Stephen did in the bible story. I will write some bible verses and you can draw pictures and decorate around them.

#### Option 2: Deliver the message (game)

Children play a game to help deliver crosses all over the house to remember that sharing the good news can be difficult sometimes.

##### RELATE

To play this game, draw a cross on several pieces of paper. Fold the paper like envelopes and then explain that each person in your family will get 3 minutes to deliver the messages. Put one message in each room of the house before the timer goes off. Talk about the experience, was it easy or hard to deliver all of the messages? It is not always easy to tell others about Jesus, just like it wasn't easy for Stephen but Jesus promises to be with us as we tell others about him. We don't have to feel overwhelmed because he'll help us say the right thing.

### Option 3: Praying for our friends (activity)

Children will decorate and write their friends names on note cards to remember to pray for them to know Jesus. .

#### SUPPLIES

- Note cards
- Markers
- stickers/decorations

#### RELATE

Today we are going to think about some of our friends that we would like to pray for and write their names on note cards that we can decorate. When we pray at dinner or before bed we can pick a card and pray for that friend and pray for God to provide us with an opportunity to share the good news with that friend.

### BLESS:: 5 min.

*Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.*

#### SUPPLIES

- Bible

#### RELATE

Gather the children and invite them to kneel in a circle with you. Encourage them to lift their hands high in praise to the one true God as you read the blessing from Psalm 97:9, 12:

**For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods ... Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.**

Then speak this blessing over the children:

**May you worship the one true God with your whole life. May you serve and follow Him with great joy.**