

What’s Happening at Sunday School?

- ~ Lesson – Acts 6 & 7
- ~ Did you know? **IMPORTANT DATES**
- ~ What are our Missions all about?
- ~ What are your kids up to?

Stephen

We watched Jesus die, rise again, and ascend into heaven. We saw the disciples receive the Holy Spirit. We now see the power and strength of faith the Holy Spirit has given the disciples. Last week it was Peter and John boldly stating “We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

This week it is Stephen. He was chosen as a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit. He was gifted with the ability to preach and perform miracles. This got him in trouble with some people. They didn’t like the things he was saying, and they had him arrested.

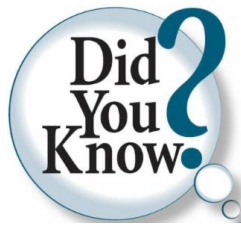
Instead of caving to the Jewish leaders, Stephen rebuked them! He reminded them how God had guided and blessed the people of Israel since the time of Abraham. But again and again the Israelites sinned by refusing to listen to the prophets God sent. Then Stephen said to the Jewish leaders, “You stubborn people! You are just like the people of Israel who lived long ago! They persecuted God’s prophets and killed those who talked about the coming Savior. You have betrayed and murdered the Savior himself!”

Why would he put himself in that position? They killed him for pointing out their sins. They dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

But he wasn’t afraid of death. His last words were “Lord, forgive these men.”

This is a strength of faith for us all to strive for. He was unafraid to proclaim the truth to the Jewish leaders, hoping to show them their sin that they would repent. He was unafraid of even death, knowing that he would be in heaven.

Dear Lord,
Help us to remember. Stephen was being stoned, and he asked you to forgive them. How often do we not forgive others when we should? How often do we forget that you have forgiven us for all of the things we do wrong? Help us to love and forgive others just as you love and forgive us. Amen.



The students will be singing in church with the band Unworthy this coming Sunday. Come listen to them praise God with their voices. (10:30 service)

The end of the school year is coming quickly. Our last week of class is May 18th. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall with the whole group, with snacks, games, and activities. More details to come!

Mission Money Bibles...

Our families are blessed. Do you have a Bible in your home? Many of our children have even more than one Bible. Not having access to God’s Word is a sad thought. With this year’s mission money, our children get to give the gift of God’s Word to other children.

A gift of \$2.00 will purchase a Bible for a child that has no access to one.

Please consider having a conversation with your child. Help them realize how blessed they are for this gift of God’s love and salvation, and help them share this love with other children.

1st and 2nd graders having their conversation time :)



God’s blessing to you as you go throughout your week. See you next Sunday!
Good Shepherd Sunday School

