

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

Group is extending the following permissions to churches upon request:

- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

This permission is granted on a limited basis for as long as your church is unable to meet in person. Families are encouraged to use these materials within their households, but may not publish or share them in any way outside of your church family.

If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email permissions@group.com.

We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing



Stephen Forgives

His Accusers as They Stone Him

Acts 6:8-7:60

Me? Tell Them?



What I learned today:

Bible Passage: Acts 6:8–7:60

Stephen was telling everyone he could about Jesus. But there were some Jewish leaders who didn't like the things Stephen was saying. So the Jewish leaders found some people who would lie and accuse Stephen of saying bad things about Moses and God. That wasn't what Stephen said at all!

Well, Stephen told the Jewish leaders how wrong they were and that they didn't do the things God wanted them to do. This really made the Jewish leaders mad! It made them so mad that they stoned Stephen. Stephen died for standing up for Jesus.

Even so, Stephen forgave the Jewish leaders and asked God not to hold what they were doing against them. Sound familiar? Jesus did that, too!

Key Verse: "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

Bible Point: We stand up for Jesus.



Faith Photos Gather pictures of family members and friends who don't know Jesus, and place them in a special photo album. On a regular basis, pray together as a family for each person in the album. Ask God to help you tell those people about Jesus.

Have a Heart Make heart-shaped cookies, and share them with people. Tell the people you share the cookies with about Jesus, and explain that he is Lord of your heart. Then with gentleness and respect, just as our Key Verse says, invite those people to learn more about Jesus. You could prepare beforehand by bringing Bibles to give away or by writing invitations to come to church with you. Ask God to help you share your faith in Jesus with everyone you meet!



- @ How can we share our faith?
- @ When have you shared your faith?
- @ How can our family show we believe in Jesus?

Daily Challenge®

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Do something bold for Jesus—even if it means people might make fun of you.
- Ask your parent or another trusted adult about a time when he or she stood up for Jesus.
- Write an answer to this question: "What is the reason you have to hope in Jesus?" and share it with a friend.

