

Year 3
Week 147

Stoning of Stephen

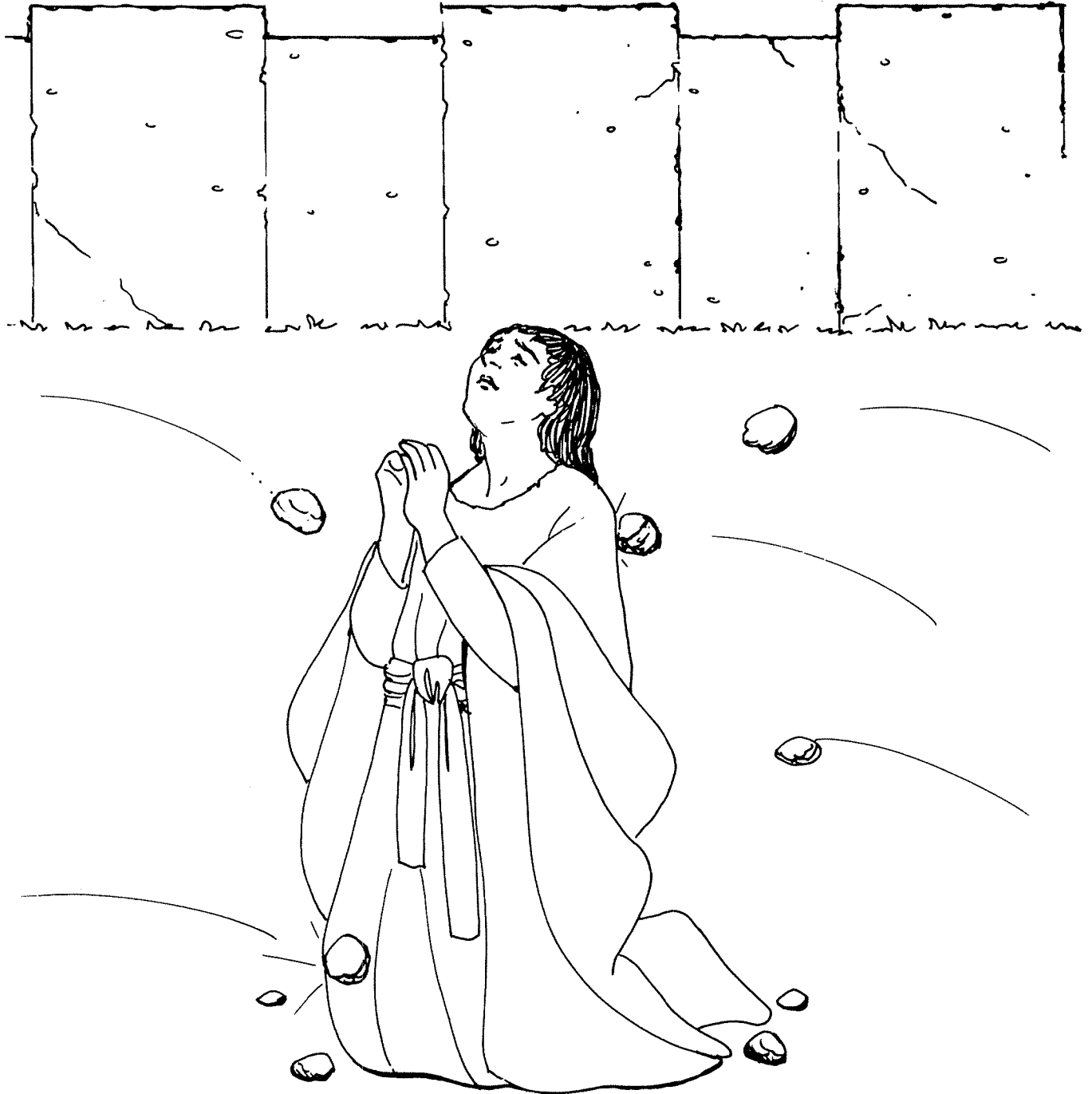
Scriptures: Acts 6:5-15, Acts 7:1-60

Key Verse: Acts 7:55 "But he [Stephen], being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God . . ."

Key Points:

1. Stephen was appointed a deacon in the church. He was full of faith and power and did great signs and wonders among the people.
2. Some of the Jews accused him of blasphemy and stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes against Stephen. They seized him and brought him before the council to answer the charges.
3. Stephen addressed the council, reminding them of Jewish history beginning with the call of Abraham, the patriarchs, and Joseph in Egypt. He continued with Moses--the deliverance from slavery, the golden calf, the giving of the law, and forty years in the wilderness.
4. Stephen accused the council of being like their forefathers who persecuted the prophets and rebelled against the Holy Spirit, even to the murder of Jesus, the Just One.
5. The men became so angry that they took Stephen out of the city and stoned him. As he was dying, Stephen called on God to receive his spirit and to not charge this sin against those who killed him.
6. A young man named Saul witnessed the stoning of Stephen.

Stephen, the First Martyr
Acts 6:1—7:60



Forgive them.

Color the picture. Add Styrofoam chips for stones. What did Stephen say as he was dying?
The words tell you.

STEPHEN

Word List

DRAG	FILLED	FACE	MARTYR
ANGEL	PRAYED	FAITH	SPEECH
FALSE	SPIRIT	FIRST	STONED
GRACE	WISDOM	POWER	FURIOUS
SEIZE	WITNESS	SANHEDRIN	



They chose Stephen, a man _____

_____ and of _____

_____. —Acts 6:5

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1. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you _____ men of honest report, full of the _____ and _____, whom we may appoint over this business. *Acts 6:3*
2. And Stephen, full of _____ and _____, did great wonders and miracles among the people. *Acts 6:8*
3. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he _____. *Acts 6:10*
4. And set up _____ witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the _____. *Acts 6:13*
5. And all that sat in the _____, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an _____. *Acts 6:15*
6. Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in _____ and _____, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. *Acts 7:51*
7. When they heard these things, they were _____ to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their _____. *Acts 7:54*
8. And _____ him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was _____. *Acts 7:58*
9. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this _____ to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell _____.
Acts 7:60

Word choices for Stoning of Stephen sheet:

seven	Holy Ghost	wisdom	faith
wisdom	spake	false	law
council	angel	heart	ears
cut	teeth	cast	Saul
sin	asleep		