

WEEK OF MAY 24TH

Bible Story: Stephen. Acts 6:1–7:60

Bottom Line: Keep going because God knows the end of the story.

Memory Verse: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

FOR STARTERS: WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do: Questions to ask:

- What is your favorite book or movie?
- What part of the story was your favorite?
- What part of the story that surprised you the most and why?
- Did the story end like you thought it would?



What You Say:

Sometimes we don’t know how a situation will turn out, but we can keep going while we’re “in the middle.” In our story today, we will see that Stephen knew that he could always trust God, and that God knows the end of the story even when we don’t.

WHAT’S NEXT?

What You Need: “What’s Next? Cards” Activity Page

What You Do: We are going to create a story using the words on the “What’s Next? Cards.”

- Draw the top card and create the first sentence of the story using the word on the card.
- Draw another card & create the next sentence
- Continue drawing cards to add sentences to the story

What You Say: When we started with the first sentence, we had no idea where the story would end, but we kept going. You showed “determination” even when you didn’t know the end of the story.

TRUTH ABOUT GOD

What You Need: Alphabet tiles, either from a game or handwritten on paper squares

What You Do:

Ask: Why was Stephen arrested? (His enemies told lies about him.)

Stephen knew the truth about who God was and that helped keep him going. Let’s think about things that are true about God using the letters of the alphabet.

- Set out the alphabet tiles face down.
- Turn over one letter at a time, and say or write something true about God that starts with that letter. How can knowing God and trusting God help you keep going even when you are scared?

HOW SCARY IS IT?

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do: Read the following words and have your child rate how scary each is in the following way:

- Not scary at all – hold up a fist
- Not scary NOW but it used to be scary – hold up one finger
- Scary – hold up two fingers
- So scary you would scream - hold up three fingers

WORDS: Swimming

Diving off a diving board

Going to school

Climbing in a cave

Scary movies

Being a goalie in a soccer game

Singing a solo in front of a packed auditorium

Inviting your friend to church

Puppies

Spiders

A flock of birds flying over your head

Taking a test

Speaking in front of a crowd of people

Being around people who are fighting



For an item that used to be scary but isn’t now, ask:

Why isn’t scary anymore?

There is nothing that is too scary for God. He will always be with us, and He will help us keep going, because God knows the end of the story!

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: “Monster Bookmark”

What You Need: Six- by six-inch paper squares, markers, glue stick or tape, “Monster Bookmark Instructions” Activity Page, “Galatians 6:9” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Start with a six-inch by six-inch square piece of paper.
- Using the Instructions, make a Monster Bookmark.
- Glue Galatians 6:9 to the bookmark

This bookmark can be a reminder that even though we don’t know the end of the story, God does, and we can trust Him.

PRAYER

“God, even though we don’t know everything that will happen in our life, we are grateful that you always have a plan. Help us to serve you and follow you always. When we’re scared or frustrated, remind us that we can keep going because You know the end of the story.” Amen!”

GOD TIME PAGES:

Throughout the week, use the activities on the God Time pages to reinforce the story.