



GREENLAND

# HG KIDS GO GUIDE

## STEPHEN'S SERMON

### **STARTING POINT**

**What blessings do we look forward to as followers of Jesus?**

**Do you ever feel afraid or embarrassed to talk about Jesus? Why or why not?**

Parent Helps (PH): Starting Point is designed as a conversation starter. This section allows you to introduce big concepts in simple questions.

### **TRUE NORTH**

**Acts 6-7**

PH: The True North section is designed to point us to God's Word. This section allows you to disciple your family by opening the Bible together.

### **TRAIL MARKERS**

PH: Trail Markers are designed to get your family talking about important issues. This section allows you to see what your family thinks and believes about who God is.

#### **1. How did Stephen show love to those who hated Him?**

PH: Even as he was being killed, Stephen prayed for those who were hurting him. He asked God to forgive them. Jesus also prayed for His enemies as He dies on the cross (Luke 23:34).

#### **2. How do you think Stephen was able to face suffering so courageously?**

PH: The Bible is clear that when we do God's work, He is working through us. We may feel afraid when facing suffering, but we can ask the Holy Spirit to give us peace and courage.

#### **3. Have you ever been laughed at or made fun of because you go to church or read your Bible? Would you ever change your mind about Jesus because you didn't want to feel left out or embarrassed?**

PH: Lead your children to discuss persecution and how it makes them feel. Explain that in some countries, it is illegal to own a Bible or tell others about Jesus. Even today, Christians in many nations face imprisonment or death for their faith in Jesus. They are not allowed to meet with other believers to worship God or read His Word. Visit [kidsofcourage.com](http://kidsofcourage.com) for more.

### **END POINT**

PH: Stephen was killed because he was a Christian. Jesus told His followers that they would be persecuted – hated, hurt, or even killed – for loving Him. Read Matthew 10. Jesus also said that those who suffer for Him would be blessed (Matthew 5:10-12). We can face suffering in this life because Jesus suffered first. He died and then rose again, and He is waiting for us in heaven.