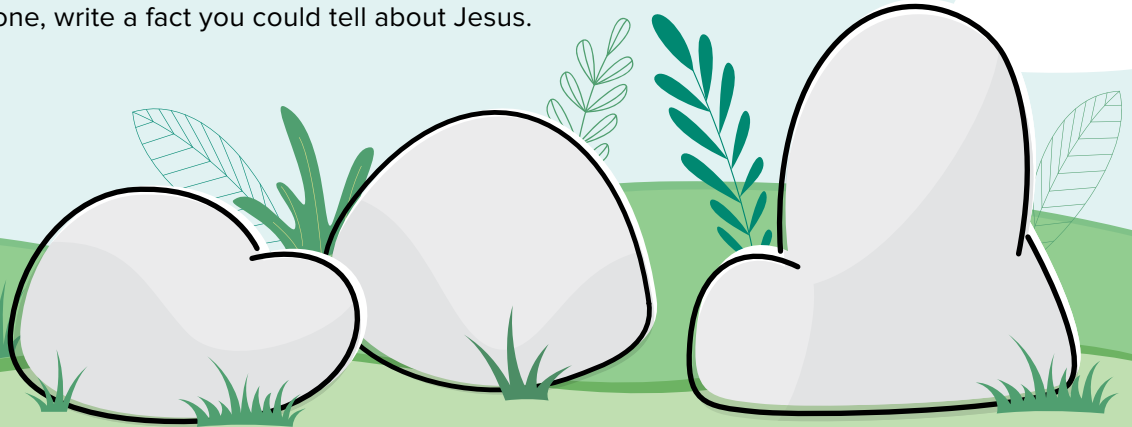


For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

ROMANS 1:16
(ESV)

STONES of FAITH

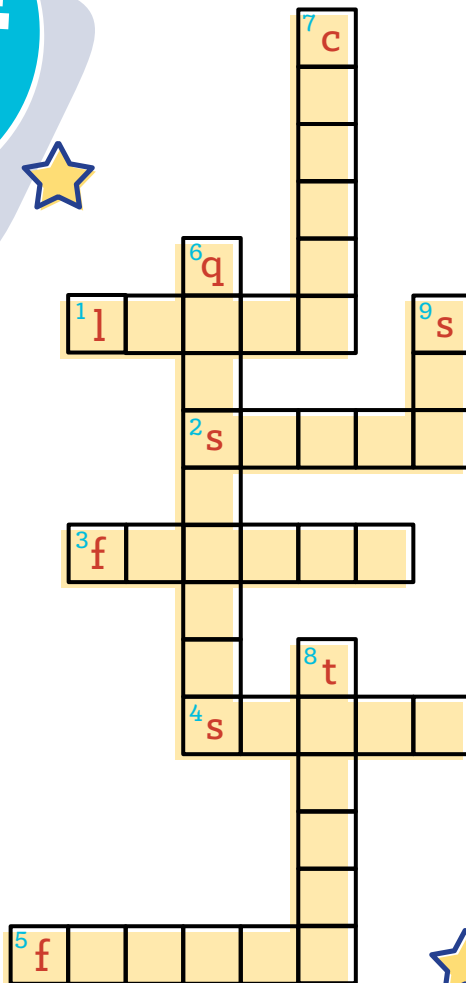
On one stone, write the initials of someone you could tell about Jesus. On another stone, write a place you could tell about Jesus. On the last stone, write a fact you could tell about Jesus.



SHARE or NOT?

Read the clues and choose a word from the word bank. Then fill in the crossword puzzle. The first letter of each word is given for you.

When you finish, go back and circle the ways you can tell others about Jesus. Draw a line through those things that might keep you from telling.



Word Bank:

church	share	target
friend	story	forget
questions	laugh	say

Across:

- Kids might _____ at me.
- I can tell my own _____.
- I can be a _____.
- I can _____ the ABCs of salvation (admit, believe, confess).
- I might _____ to tell others.

Down:

- I can answer their _____.
- I can invite them to _____.
- I might become a _____ for bullies.
- I am afraid I won't know what to _____.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Stephen Preached

ACTS 6:8-7

Stephen was a man in the early church who had great faith and power. He loved God and believed Jesus was the Savior God had promised to send.

Stephen had an important message. He told people about Jesus and began to do miracles among the people.

Some of the Jews were angry. They did not like what Stephen said, especially when he talked about Jesus, and they argued with Stephen. God gave Stephen such wisdom that he won every argument! The Jews enlisted other men to lie about Stephen. "We have heard Stephen say bad things about God," the liars told the people. These liars stirred up the crowd, and the people dragged Stephen before the Jewish leaders.

As the men continued to lie about Stephen in front of the religious leaders, people saw that Stephen's face looked like an angel.

The high priest asked Stephen, "Are these charges true?"

Stephen began to speak. He told the stories of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses. Stephen also spoke about King David and King Solomon. Then Stephen told the Jewish leaders how they had been the ones to kill Jesus, the Righteous One of God. The leaders were furious!

When the crowd heard Stephen, they became angry! Stephen, however, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He looked into heaven and exclaimed, "Look! I see heaven opened and Jesus standing at God's right hand!"

The people screamed, covered their ears, and ran up to Stephen. They dragged him out of the city and began to throw stones at him. Stephen prayed and asked God to forgive the people.

Then Stephen died.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: John 16:33

LIFE POINT: Sometimes Christians face difficult times when they tell about Jesus.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Today your child heard about Stephen, a believer who faced difficulties and death because he told others about Jesus. Sometimes Christians encounter difficulties and challenges when they tell about Jesus.

LIVE IT OUT

Explain that sometimes believing in Jesus costs people their freedom or their lives. Lead your child to pray for missionaries serving in difficult places around the world so that all people can hear about Jesus and trust Him as Savior.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

All Christians are called to be on mission with God.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: John 16:33

Monday: 1 Peter 3:14

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 4:17

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 3:12

Thursday: Isaiah 43:2

Friday: James 1:12

Saturday: Psalm 34:19

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Stephen Preached* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories and games.