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B.E.S.
A wise guide



Q
Bravely asks questions



Pause
Likes to stop and think



Beam
An encouraging friend

STORY 1: Stephen dies for Jesus

Stephen's great love for Jesus



READ:
Acts 6: 8-15,
7: 54-60



KEY VERSE:
1 John 4: 19
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

After Jesus had gone back to Heaven, many people became believers in Him. These people, who loved Jesus, were part of God's church in Jerusalem. One of the helpers in the church there was Stephen. He was a good man who served Jesus by helping other people. He was full of the Holy Spirit and often preached about Jesus.

Q: Fill in the things Stephen did.

He p _____ about Jesus.

He s _____ Jesus.

He h _____ other people.



Stephen

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Some Jewish men did not like Stephen preaching about Jesus. They took Stephen to court where they told lies about him. Stephen was not afraid. No matter what these men said or did to him, Jesus would always be with him. The angry men noticed how peaceful Stephen was - the Bible tells us that his face looked like that of an angel!

Stephen spoke to all the people in the court. He reminded them that they had killed Jesus. This made them furious. Stephen looked up to Heaven and saw a bright light. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." He was thrilled to see into Heaven, but his enemies were more angry than ever.

Q: Put a tick (✓) or a cross (X) by each answer.

The Jews were angry with Stephen because:

he saw Jesus (the Son of Man) in Heaven.

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he told them they had killed Jesus.

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he took their money.

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The Jews wanted to kill Stephen straight away. They rushed towards him, dragged him outside the city and started throwing big stones.

Stone after stone hit Stephen and he knew he was going to die. Jesus was in Heaven, waiting to meet him. Calmly, he prayed, asking Jesus to take him to Heaven and also to forgive his enemies for the wrong they were doing.

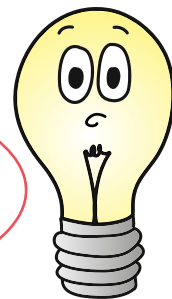


Q: Colour the picture.

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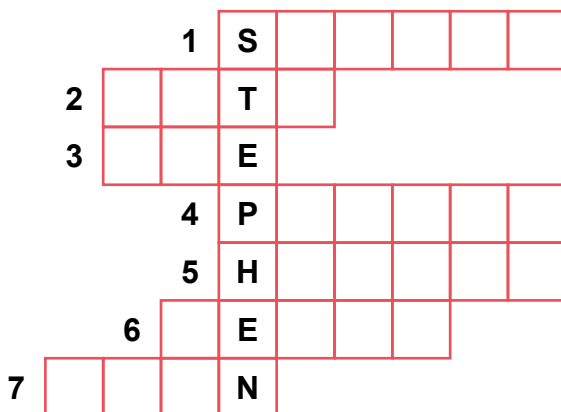
After this Stephen died. He loved Jesus very much because He had died on the cross for him. Stephen was willing to give his life for Jesus in return, even though it meant a cruel death.

It's sad to read about Stephen's cruel death. But remember friends, Jesus knows how we feel. His cruel death on the cross shows us just how much He loves us.



Q: Fill in the answers on the Word Grid.

1. The hit Stephen.
2. This happened outside the
3. Stephen was willing to
4. He for the men who threw stones.
5. When he died, he went to
6. Stephen loved very much.
7. The Key Verse is found in 1 4: 19.



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Q: Colour Stephen's name on the Word Grid.

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STORY 2: Philip shares the Good News

An African believes in Jesus



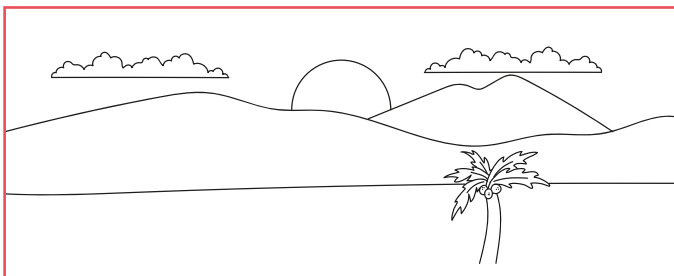
READ:
Acts 8: 26-40



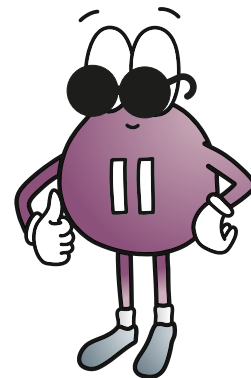
KEY VERSE:
Acts 8: 35
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

Philip believed in Jesus and went around preaching. Usually he would preach in towns and cities where many people lived. However, one day an angel told him to go along a road which passed through a desert.

Q: Colour the picture which shows where Philip was sent.



**Look at Pause
for a clue!**



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Philip must have wondered why he was being sent there. Soon he saw a chariot in the distance. As it came closer, he saw an important man sitting in it. He was on his way home to a country called Ethiopia, where he worked for the queen. The Holy Spirit told Philip to go close to the chariot. As he did this, he could hear the man reading from a part of the Bible!

Q: Cross out the two sentences that are **WRONG**.

The man was riding on a donkey.

He lived in Ethiopia.

He worked for the king.

He was reading.

He was on his way home.

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“Do you understand what you are reading?” asked Philip.

“How can I,” the man replied, “unless I have someone to explain it to me?”

At once, the Ethiopian man asked Philip to sit beside him in his chariot. The verses he was reading said that someone would be killed like a lamb. How puzzled the Ethiopian was! Then Philip explained that this person was Jesus, who had allowed Himself to be put on the cross to pay the price for our sin.

Q: Colour all the letters **except for x, y and z** to find the message Philip preached to the man.

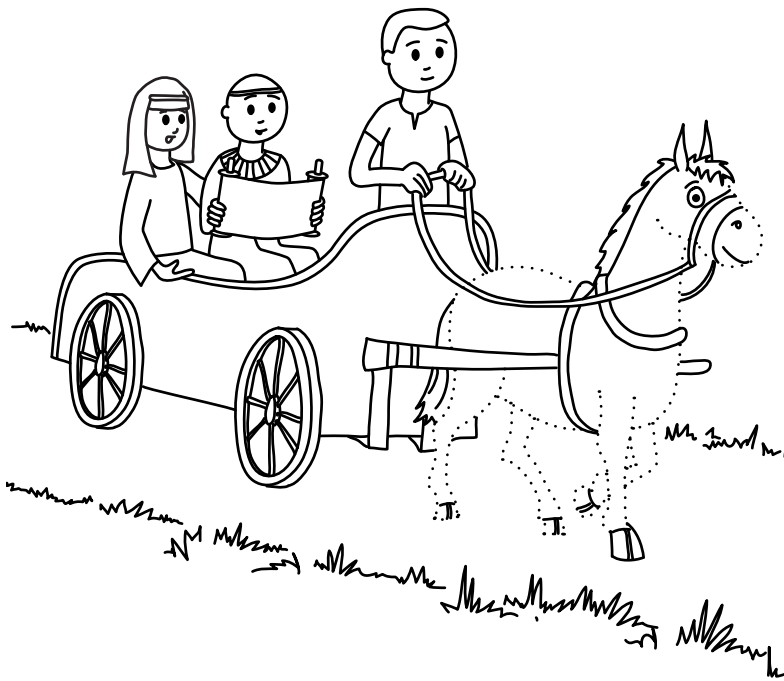
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yzxaboutyzxyzJesus

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Soon the Ethiopian understood that he needed to have his sins forgiven. Philip explained that he needed to trust in Jesus to be his Saviour. Without delay, the Ethiopian believed in Jesus!

Q: Complete the picture by drawing the horse

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As they travelled along, the Ethiopian said, "Look, there's some water. Why can't I be baptised?"

So the chariot stopped and Philip and the Ethiopian got down into the water where Philip baptised him. This showed that he was now a follower of Jesus, and from now on his life would be different.

After this, the Holy Spirit took Philip away to preach in other places. The Ethiopian continued on his journey, full of joy.

Q: Put the sentences below in the correct order by numbering them 1 to 6. Number 1 is done for you.

- ___ They both went down into the water.
- ___ Philip left him.
- 1 The Ethiopian trusted Jesus.
- ___ Philip baptised him.
- ___ He went home a very happy man.
- ___ The Ethiopian saw some water.

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The Bible says that we should be thankful that we have heard the Good News about Jesus. We must also trust Him as our Saviour. Then we will find the same happiness as the man from Ethiopia.

TOTAL:

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STORY 3: Saul and a bright light!

God's power to change lives



READ:
Acts 9: 1-9



KEY VERSE:
2 Corinthians 5: 17
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

Saul hated Jesus! He didn't believe the things that Jesus had said or that He is God's Son. He wanted to hurt the people who loved Him.

Q: Look back at Story 1.
Who was the man who was
stoned to death?

S _ _ _ _ _



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Saul was there when that happened. It pleased him very much. Now he wanted to find other believers in Jesus and have them put in prison. He heard about some who lived in a city a long way off.

Q: Write the first letter of each object to find out the name of this city to which Saul decided to go.



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Saul and his friends had almost arrived at the city, when suddenly there was a very bright flash of light. Saul was so overcome by it that he fell down to the ground. "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" a voice said.

"Who are you, Lord?" answered Saul, feeling frightened and confused.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," the voice said.

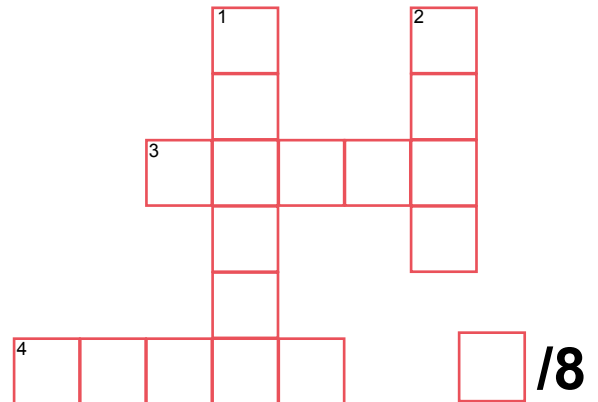
Saul now understood that Jesus is the Son of God, alive in Heaven. Saul's thoughts about Jesus had all been wrong! How much his life needed changing!



Then Jesus told Saul to go on into the city, where he would be told what he must do. But when he got up, he was blind and his friends had to help him along!

Q: Fill in the answers in the Crossword.

1. Saul wanted to put believers into
2. His friends helped him into the
3. A bright shone from Heaven.
4. Saul could not see; he was



When Saul met Jesus it was the beginning of a new life.

Q: Look at these three words. Use them to complete the Key Verse.

Christ old new

“Therefore, if anyone is in _____, the _____ creation has
come: The _____ has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5: 17

From now on, Saul’s life would be different.

Q: Finish these OLD THINGS which would no longer be part of his life.

Hating J _ _ _ _ .
H _ _ ing Jesus’ followers.
Not believing Jesus is the S _ _ of G _ _ .



The Bible says that all of us are sinners and do wrong things.
Only Jesus can take away our sin. Only He can give us the
power to live a new life.

He will help us every day to do what is right, if like Saul we
trust and obey Him.

TOTAL:

STORY 4: Saul becomes a changed man

Changed by God



READ:
Acts 9: 10-25



KEY VERSE:
Acts 9: 20
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

God spoke to Ananias in a dream and asked him to go and visit Saul. Ananias had heard how badly Saul treated people who loved Jesus, so at first he didn't want to go. But God explained that Saul's life had been changed. Now Saul would preach about Jesus to people who had never heard about Him.

Ananias obeyed God and found Saul, who had been blind for the last three days!

"Brother Saul," said Ananias, placing his hands on him, "the Lord Jesus...has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."



Ananias called Saul "brother" because now they both belonged to the same family - God's family! Suddenly Saul was able to see again.

He was baptised and had some food while Ananias explained God's plan for him. Soon Saul met other followers of Jesus who lived in Damascus. They were amazed that Saul was now their friend, and not their enemy.

Q: Draw lines to join up the beginning and ending of each of these sentences.

God asked

God had

Saul was

a special plan for Saul's life.

able to see again.

Ananias to visit Saul.

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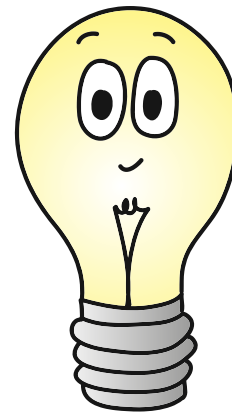
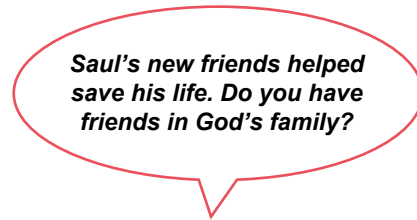
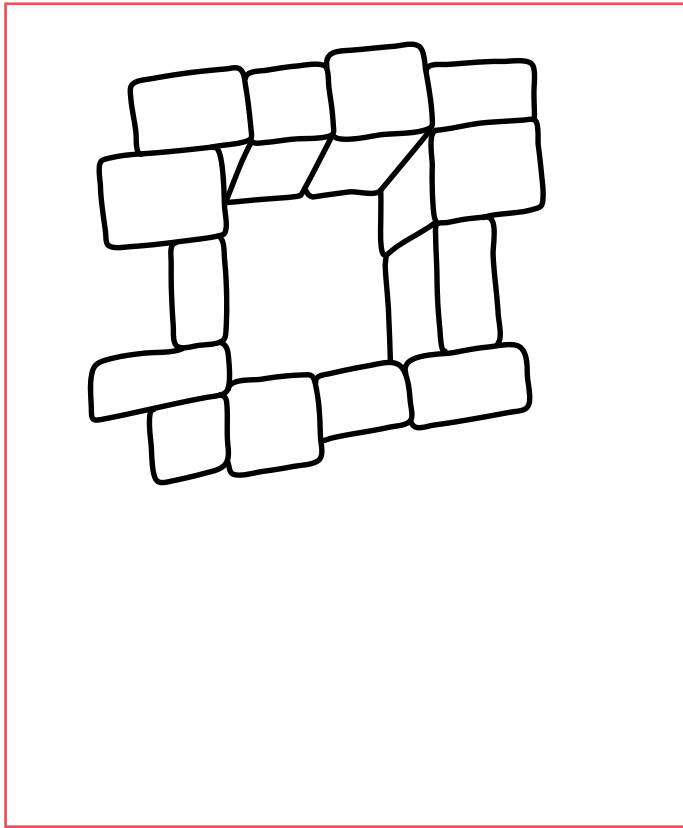
Q: Colour these words which tell us what Saul began to preach about Jesus.

"Jesus is the
Son of God."

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When Saul preached about Jesus, there were Jews who did not like this message. It wasn't long before they plotted to kill Saul. One night, his friends helped him to escape in a basket over the city wall.

Q: Complete the picture to show how Saul escaped from the city.



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Saul's life had been completely changed.

Q: Fill in some of the NEW things which had come into his life now that he loved Jesus.

Now he belonged to God's f _ _ _ _ _ .
He was filled with the H _ _ _ _ S _ _ _ _ _ .
He had new f _ _ _ _ _ .
He p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ about Jesus.

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