

## ELEMENTARY

## WHAT WE'RE LEARNING THIS WEEK



In Acts 6:8 7:60, we find a somber moment in the life in the early church. Stephen, a church leader, was arrested and put on trial for teaching about Jesus. Even as he was being stoned to death, Stephen showed determination. He boldly shared how Jesus was the Savior God promised from the beginning. Stephen was willing to die for his faith because he believed that Jesus was truly the Son of God.

Bottom Line: **Keep going because God knows the end of the story.** When it comes down to it, most of our fear comes from being unsure of what will happen next. It's all too easy to go to the worst-case scenario in the situations we face. Thankfully, no matter what difficulties we may face in life, we can trust that God will help us face them. God can give us the strength and courage we need to get through every moment.



## **RESOURCES OF THE WEEK**



Thanks to Covid-19, most of us have been spending more time at home than ever before. I'm a mom to three girls, and if your house is anything like mine has been lately, you've also added "Professional Referee" to the top of your parent-job description.

My girls will fight over anything. Whose popsicle wrapper was left on the counter. Whose getting more screentime. Who the baby loves more. And my personal favorite, who gets the "good spot" on the couch. (Although, in their defense, the "good spot" is really, really good.)

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With school being out and summer ahead of us, I suspect I am not the only parent getting clammy hands at the thought of what will end up being a six month stretch of kids at home, parents at home and an incredibly pared down social life. If arguing hasn't been a mainstay in your house yet, come August and September, it will be. It's reassuring that we are not alone in feeling this way. But that doesn't exactly give us a way to move forward.

What do we do? How do we navigate the arguing between kids and between us and the kids? How do we diffuse conflict before it gets out of control? How do make peace the goal, but without ignoring real tensions and offenses that come up?

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