

# Tell the Next Generation



## Story #107: "Do not hold this sin against them."

Scripture:  
**Acts 6-7**

### What does this say about God and man?

- The Holy Spirit gives power for believers to serve other people  
v. 6:3
- The Holy Spirit gives power to pray and preach God's Word
- God is sovereign and guides His people in ways that fulfill God's complete plan  
vv. 7:1-50
- God is not confined by space; He is so big there is nothing man can make that could contain all of God  
vv. 7:48-50
- Man is sinful; in his natural state he resists God's Holy Spirit repeatedly, and even religious people are prone to that sin  
vv. 7:39-43, 51-53
- When we call on the Lord, He hears us  
vv. 7:55-60
- Trusting God and being filled with the Holy Spirit does not mean we will not suffer
- Only God has the authority to forgive sin  
v. 7:60

**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:** Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- \* What is the best thing in the whole world? (Possible answers: Jesus, God, knowing God...) God is the greatest, the most wonderful thing in all the world. So, knowing God and trusting Him is a great thing! (Discuss.)
- \* One thing God gives those who trust in Jesus is the Holy Spirit. Who in this story had the Holy Spirit? (Stephen. Read or paraphrase Acts 6:5,8.) The Holy Spirit was causing him to do wonderful things. (The Bible doesn't say exactly what he did, just that he was performing "great wonders and signs among the people.")
- \* What happened to Stephen in this story? Some men stoned him (briefly describe what this means) and he was killed. (Discuss how trusting Jesus and having the Holy Spirit does not mean you will not suffer, but suffering does not take away the greatness of knowing God.)
- \* Pray; ask God to give you courage and ability to trust God even when suffering.