

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021



BIBLE STORY:

Acts 6-7

JULY MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 1:8

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

People at church should work together.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*God is always with us even when we are mistreated for sharing the gospel. (YK)
Christians are called to share the truth of Jesus in difficult places and with difficult people. (OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Job 42:1-11

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Job 42:5

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Job 28:12-28*

MONDAY: *Job 29:1-17*

TUESDAY: *Job 29:18-25*

WEDNESDAY: *Job 30:1-19*

THURSDAY: *Job 30:20-31*

FRIDAY: *Job 31:1-15*

SATURDAY: *Job 31:16-28*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

USE THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU STUDY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:



• **Prepare a meal together.**

Read Acts 6:1-3. Say: "The church in Jerusalem was growing fast. Needs among the people were being discovered. Because the church wanted to help, leaders conceived a solution that would accommodate both the needy and the church leaders.."

Gather in your kitchen and work together to plan and create a meal. Choose what you will prepare, and give each family member a specific task.

Sit together and eat your meal. Say: "God used the early church to provide for each other. Thank You God for food."

• **Count to seven.**

Read Acts 6:5-6. Ask: "How many men were chosen by the early church?" (7). Say: "Let's read the names of these men from the Book of Acts." Guide your family to find the names of the men and say them.

Say: "Most of these men we do not know anything about, but one of them we will learn more about next week."

Invite each family member to count to seven. For an added challenge, count to the number seven in a different language. See how many languages you can count to seven in.

• **Review the Old Testament.**

Make sure family members have their own Bibles to use during this activity.

Guide your family to open their Bibles to Acts 7. Assign the following verses to different members of your family to read aloud. Acts 7:2,9,20,32,45,47.

As you discover each name, ask: "Where do we find this person's story in the Bible? Stephen mentioned each person in his sermon." Conclude that God was working in the Old Testament to show the people during Stephen's day what it would be like to follow God.