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## Keep Holding On

**Bible Story:** Keep Holding On (Stephen) • Acts 6:1-7:60

**Bottom Line:** Keep going because God knows the end of the story.

**Memory Verse:** Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up. Galatians 6:9 (NIRV)

**Life App:** Determination—Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started

### Activity #1- Bible Story

Parents, read through this week's Bible story with your child or check out our video teaching on this page. This week we are learning about the apostle Stephen.

### Activity #2- Discussion Questions

1. What do we know about Stephen? How would you describe him? (*Read Acts 6:5, 6:3, 6:8*)
2. What does it mean that Stephen was full of faith? (*Stephen trusted God no matter what. This is an opportunity to talk about what faith means – faith is trusting God no matter what.*)
3. Stephen didn't know what would happen when he started talking about Jesus; it had to be scary for Stephen to have people yelling at him and telling lies about him. How do you think being full of faith helped Stephen to keep going even when the situation he was in was very scary?
4. When was a time you were scared but kept going?
5. How does knowing who God is and that He is always with us help us to keep going even when we are scared?

### Activity #3- Stick the Landing

**What you need:** Index cards, duct tape, marbles, ping pong balls or small bouncy ball

**What you do:** After you have watched today's Bible story, ask your child to choose five main events from the story and write each one on an index card. As they do that, on an uncarpeted floor, place a piece of duct tape (about 3 feet long), sticky side up. Secure the tape to the floor using a small piece on each end of the tape line. When your child is finished writing the main events, stick them in order along the edge of the tape, but not covering up the tape. (Leave most of the sticky side available.) Spread the cards out so they take up most of the length of the tape.

Then challenge your child to stand about 3 feet away from the tape line and roll the marble/ping pong ball/bouncy ball toward the tape, aiming to get the marble/ball to stick to the tape where the first index card is. The challenge is to stick the marble/ball at each index card, in order of the story. For an extra challenge, tell your child they have to start over if they stick any marbles to the tape out of order!