



## Imago Dei Kids

### **Stephen's Story - May 2nd** **Acts 1+2 & 6+7**

#### **Hello, Imago Families!**

We have been learning about what happened after Jesus's resurrection from the dead. He spent some time with his friends, ascended back to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father where he is getting a place ready for those who call him King.

Last week we heard about the arrival of the Holy Spirit. This week we are hearing how the news about Jesus spread through persecution (*the stoning of Steven - done very mildly, I promise!*)

**Memory Verse: Acts 1:8** You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and to the ends of the earth!  
This week Bob the Dragon and Leo the Lion introduce one wonderful way to memorize: make it a song! You can check out the full song with motions by Seeds on our [Youtube channel](#).

#### **Questions to discuss as a family about the story:**

- Who was in the story and what happened to them?
- How did it make you feel?
- What does it make you wonder about?

**Craft/Activity:** Consider coloring or drawing as you read the prayer included - inviting and allowing the Holy Spirit to meet you as you listen and create.

#### **Prayer (excerpt from Imaginative Prayer by Jared Boyd):**

Close your eyes and take a few breaths together.

God, we pray that you will release our imagination and help us to hear you speak to us during this time together. We open our hands to you. We open our ears to you.

*(pause 8 seconds)*

Come, Holy Spirit.

Imagine you are at the beginning of the story God has been telling. Imagine you are there at the creation when God forms all the things we see in the earth. Listen as you hear God call everything good. Watch as he breathes his breath on the man and on the woman, and makes them in his image, his likeness. He fills them with his Spirit. Put yourself there in the garden, enjoying the pleasure of just being with God and his creation. Put yourself there, together with God, experiencing peace.

*(pause 8 seconds)*

Where, in your body, do you experience God's peace?

*(pause 5 seconds)*

Imagine now you see something in the world where peace needs to be restored. Maybe you are aware of a conflict with your friends, or in your family, or in your city...  
Imagine what it would look like for God's peace to show up in that conflict.

*(pause 8 seconds)*

The mission of God is to make everything in the world good again.  
The mission of God is to bring all things under the rule and reign of Jesus.  
The mission of God is to bring peace and reconciliation to everything!