



# SKIDS HOUSE PARTY

**PARENT GUIDE**

*May 24<sup>th</sup>*

## **Life App Definition**

Determination—deciding it's worth it to finish what you started

## **Main Idea**

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. 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.

## **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).

## **Bottom Line**

Keep going because God knows the end of the story.

## **Small-Group Discussion**

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Why do you think Stephen was determined to keep going even though people were getting very angry with him?
- What helped Stephen to keep going?
- How does knowing who God is and that He is always with us help us to keep going even when we are scared?
- When was a time you were scared but kept going?

## Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your child apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

### Supplies Needed

- Paper
- Markers or crayons
- Timer

### Activity

- In this activity, you and your children will work together to make some fun pictures.
- Give each family member a piece of paper and a different-colored marker or crayon.
- Set the timer to five seconds (if you don't have a timer, someone could count down from five in each round), and everyone should begin drawing on their paper.
- When the timer stops, everyone will pass their paper to the person on their right.
- Set the timer again.
- Now everyone will begin drawing on the paper in front of them by adding to or complementing what is already there.
- When the timer stops, you will pass the papers again.
- Cycle through all the above steps till everyone has had a chance to add to each drawing and the paper is returned to the person who started the drawing.
- Take some time to look over (and laugh) at the final pictures.
- Talk about how no one knew what the pictures would end up looking like.
- Tell everyone to think about something in their lives in which they don't know the end of the story.
  - Maybe their birthday is coming up, and they don't know if they'll get what they asked for.
  - Maybe after the crazy school year we have had, they aren't sure what their grades will be on their final report card.
  - Maybe they aren't sure if they will get to do anything fun this summer.
  - Maybe someone in the family has been sick.

- Share with them that there are a lot of things in our lives in which we don't know the end of the story. Some of those are very serious things, like somebody being very sick. And some of them are more fun things, like not knowing what you'll get for your birthday. But no matter what the story is, God knows the end of it! And we can trust that He will always do what's best, because He loves us. We can keep going because God knows the end of the story.

## **Prayer**

Take a moment and pray with your children. Thank God for always having a plan, and ask Him to help you all keep going even when you are afraid or frustrated.

Dear God,

Even though we don't have the full picture of every life event, we are grateful to serve a God who always has a plan. No matter what is happening, we can be comforted knowing that You have a plan and You know the end of the story. When we're scared or frustrated, remind us that we can keep going because You know the end of the story.