



# God Talk At Home

**This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:**

The Winning Church

**Take Home Point:**

Winning is giving your best to Jesus.

## Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Who in the Bible event won a victory even though it did not look like it? (*Stephen*) What happened to him and why? (*He was stoned to death for his witness to Jesus.*) What was his reward? (*The crown of life...heaven.*)

## God Time at Home

*Select questions and adapt for your family.*

**FOR STARTERS:** Show a special trophy, medal, or award. Then ask each family member, "Think of a time you won a special award, prize, or sports game. Share that experience and how hard you worked to earn it." After the conversation, read the Bible event and think about Stephen. Even though he died, did he win a special prize from God?

**READ THE BIBLE:** Read about Stephen in Acts 6:8-8:3.

**KEY VERSE:** Revelation 2:10 *"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."*

**TALK ABOUT IT:** How did Stephen show his faithfulness? How did he do his very best for Jesus? (*Acts 6:7-7:60. Stephen kept his witness strong even though he was being persecuted and eventually punished.*) How did the people react to Stephen's witness? (*Acts 7:54-60. They were angry and upset and stoned him to death.*)

What do you think Stephen was feeling as he was being stoned to death? Do you think it was hard for him to stay faithful even if it meant he would be killed? Why do you think Stephen wanted to do his best for Jesus? (*He knew how faithful God had been to him through the Old Testament and through Jesus.*)

If Jesus said, "Do your best for me at home," what do you think that would mean for you? What is the best thing God could give to you? What is the best thing you could give to him?

**PRAYER POWER:** Thank Jesus for giving us his best and winning heaven for us so we can have the crown of life. Have each family member pray about one thing they would like to "win at" for Jesus—to do their very best for him. Then pray for strength to be faithful and that all would be reminded of Stephen and how he was given the crown of life for his faithfulness.

## Family Time Option

*One day this week, try...*

Here's a secret code message your family can use and even post on the refrigerator: "Bthere2". It means that you know you will be in heaven when you die because you trust in Jesus as your Savior. The message you leave behind is "be there too." The Lord determines when he will call you home, but someday your whole family can be together with him in heaven because you plan now to "Bthere2".

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