

# 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

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

## Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup>

### The Stories of Old

**What You Need:** Play-Doh®

#### What You Do:

- Remind kids that in today's story, Stephen told the Sanhedrin stories from Israel's history.
- Ask kids to recall some of the stories they've learned in Small Group throughout this school year.
- Encourage them to use the Play-Doh to shape a character or item from the story.
- As kids work, ask them what they're making and what the story was about.
- If kids need help remembering stories, here are some highlights:
  - Noah
  - Joseph's story
  - Moses and the burning bush
  - Israel crossing the Red Sea
  - David and Goliath
  - Daniel and the lions' den
  - Jesus' birth
  - John the Baptist baptizing Jesus
  - Jesus at Mary and Martha's house
  - Zacchaeus
  - The story of the lost son (the prodigal son)
  - Jesus' death and resurrection

#### What You Say:

"You are a great Bible storyteller! So was Stephen. He told the leaders all about God and His chosen people, the Israelites, and about Jesus. But the leaders were angry with him. They didn't like what he was saying. So they were very mean to him, they shouted at him, and they threw stones at him. It wasn't fair! But Stephen kept going and kept living and speaking for God until his last breath. He even asked God to forgive the leaders. He knew that God knew the end of the story, and he trusted God with everything he had. We can do the same. We can **[Bottom Line] keep going because God knows the end of the story.** We might not ever be in a situation like Stephen is, but we face tough times sometimes, too. When we do, we can remember that God knows everything, and we can trust Him!"