



**Series Overview:** Astronaut Neil Armstrong once said landing on the moon was “one small step for man.” Maybe he understood that the biggest adventures start in such a simple way – with a step. Stepping out to explore uncharted territory can be intimidating, but when we are following Jesus, it is always worth it! In this four-week series, we’ll take a look at the Book of Acts to learn from the first Christians. Through their stories of faith and bravery, kids will learn how to take the first step of believing in Jesus, the next step of praying for others, an even bigger step of trusting the Holy Spirit makes us brave, and a faith-filled step of telling others about Jesus.

**Bible Story:** Stephen Before the Sanhedrin: Acts 6, 7:54–59

**Big Idea:** Take a big step — the Holy Spirit makes us brave.

**Series Memory Verse:** “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.” -Psalm 19:1

### **Lesson Guide:**

1. Dance and sing with your child to these songs.

- [I Believe - Song Video \(youtube.com\)](#) ["This Little Light Of Mine" \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [I Will Pray \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [God Makes Me Brave | Mr. Music's Sing-Along Vol. 1 | LifeKids \(youtube.com\)](#)

2. Show this video to teach the Bible story.

- [TeachingVideo3 OneSmallStep Preschool Growkids on Vimeo](#)

### 3. Review the Bible story like this:

#### **\*Supplies: Bible**

- Open the Bible Acts 6 and show your family where today's story comes from.
- Ask the following questions to review the story...
  - Who did Jesus promise to send to help the disciples? The Holy Spirit.
  - What was the name of the follower of Jesus who was brave in today's story? Stephen.
  - What were the followers of Jesus able to do because of the Holy Spirit? Be brave and tell others about Jesus.
  - Let's go over all the steps we have learned so far this month...
    - We can take the first step . . . believe in Jesus.
    - Then we can take another step . . . pray for others.
    - Now we can take a big step because the Holy Spirit makes us . . . brave.

### 4. Practice the May Memory Verse like this:

#### **\*Supplies = a Bible**

- Look up Psalm 19:1 in the Bible and read it to your family.
- Help the kids learn the verse and teach these motions to go along with it.
- <https://photos.app.goo.gl/sJdyv1kJXhLLLURt6>
- Invite your family on a pretend "Brave Adventure" with you through God's amazing creation...not the heavens and the skies that our verse talks about, but the earth also shows how awesome our God is!
- Lead them around the room making up things as you go...like...first let's go through this cave pause ...everyone get down and crawl so that we don't hit our heads on the top (pause part way through the pretend cave and say the memory verse in a whisper)...okay, now we are out, but goodness there are a lot of trees out here in the wild...let's weave back and forth through the trees using our arms to move the branches as we go. Good job! Whoa! Do you all see that river in front of us. Let's find a narrow part and jump over it...follow me (Once you jump over the pretend river have everyone say the memory verse together while jumping up and down). Next, say something like...Oh wait, I think that is a lion's den over there. Everyone be very quiet and tip toe with me so that we don't wake up the lion. Now let's climb this big mountain. Wow! It is really tall! Keep climbing. (Once you reach the top of the pretend mountain, have everyone shout the memory verse together).
- Then repeat your adventure or make up more steps along the way or go ahead and wrap up this game reminding your family that our God made everything and that we can trust Him to help us be brave!

### 5. PRAY WITH THE YOUR FAMILY!

