

## ONE CONVERSATION

**Parents:** Your student was given this link (<http://lfwj.co/1WgIS5e>) in their session on Acts 6:1-10, and on the right is a spiritual gifts survey. Take five minutes to take this survey. Talk with your son and daughter about your own spiritual gifts and how you've been able to use them to serve at your church.

*Challenge your son or daughter to be willing to serve like Stephen was. If your son or daughter is unsure of their spiritual gifts, it might be best for them to talk to someone on staff at your church and just find out where there is a need. Getting involved in serving is the first step, and trying different areas of service might help him or her to see where God would have him or her to serve. The church is stronger when we serve according to our unique gifts.*

## CENTRAL TRUTH

*A church full of believers who use their gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit cannot be stopped.*

## PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** The church was growing and so were its issues. Some of the widows were being overlooked and this issue gave rise to the delegation of duties within the church. The idea was to free up the Twelve to preach and pray instead of having them bogged down with financial matters that could have been better handled by someone else. When seven men were appointed to the work of preaching, the priesthood was born. Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit, and immediately began to perform powerful miracles, and dominate a dispute over the gospel with a panel of brilliant and highly educated skeptics. When we serve according to our unique gifts, the church is stronger. When we speak according to the power of the Holy Spirit, we are unstoppable.
- › **Memorize:** Acts 6:5
- › **Pray:** Begin by asking God to search your heart for any unconfessed sin. Turn from it and pray that God will help you to walk in His ways. Ask God for wisdom and discernment for how he wants you to use the spiritual gifts He has given you. Then, conclude by praying for the pastor and leadership at your church, specifically that God would use them and their gifts to their full potential.