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Hands Are for Clapping

(March around and clap on the numbers.)

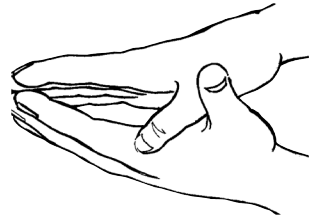


Our hands are for clapping, 1-2-3, don't you see!
Our hands are for sharing, 1-2-3, don't you see!
To God we are thankful, you and me, 1-2-3!

Our hands are for clapping, 1-2-3, don't you see!
Our hands are for loving, 1-2-3, don't you see!
To God we are thankful, you and me, 1-2-3!

Our hands are for clapping, 1-2-3, don't you see!
Our hands are for praying, 1-2-3, don't you see!
To God we are thankful, you and me, 1-2-3!

Our hands are for clapping, 1-2-3, don't you see!
Our hands are for helping, 1-2-3, don't you see!
To God we are thankful, you and me, 1-2-3!



STORY TIME

Stephen, a Faithful Helper

Based on Acts 7:55-60

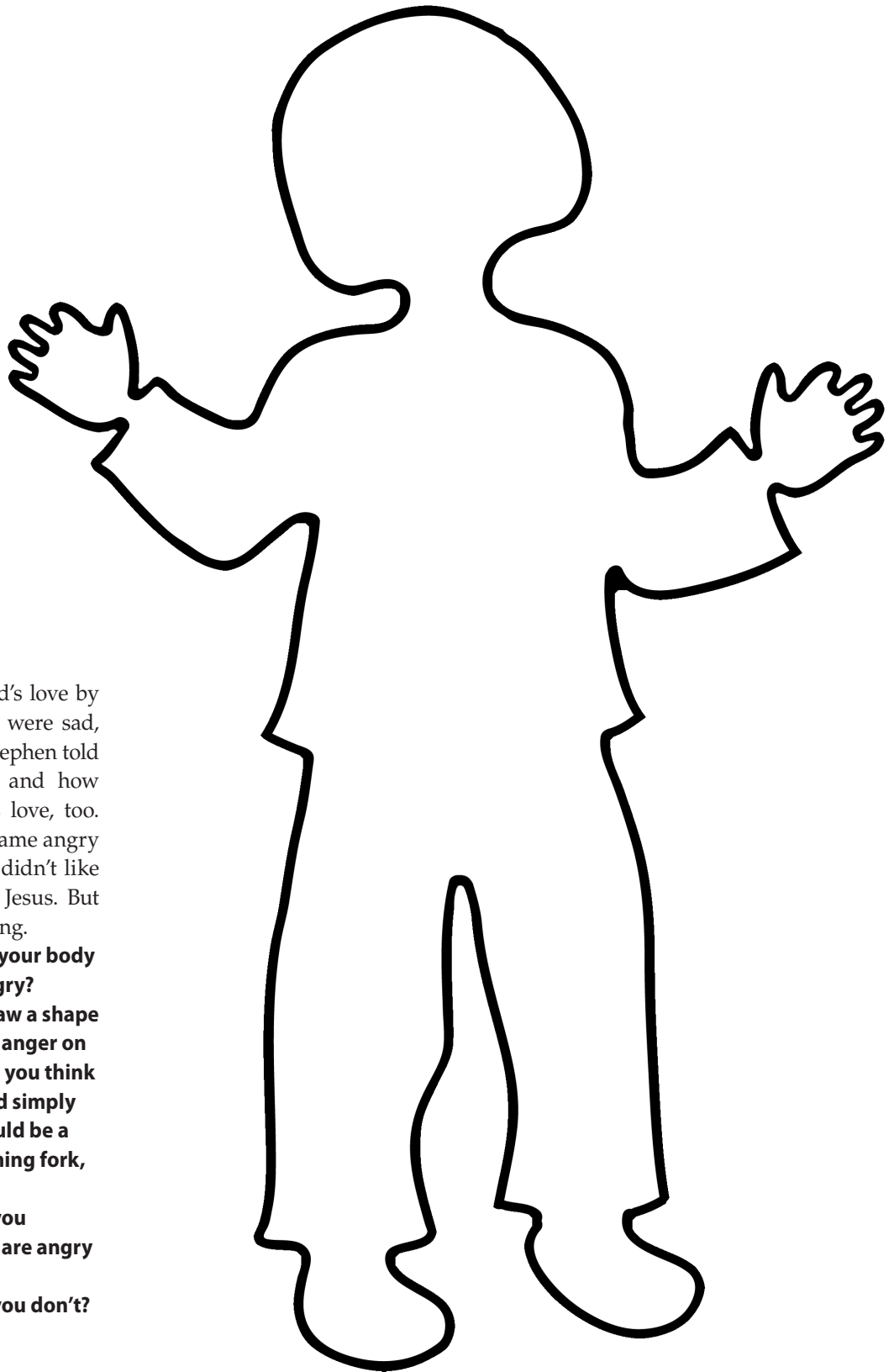
The people in the first Christian churches loved Jesus very much. They always tried to love others just as Jesus did.

More and more people wanted to join the churches. They wanted to sing together, pray together, and share everything together. Soon there were so many people that it was hard to give everyone their fair share. The church needed helpers. Stephen was one of the helpers. He showed God's love by helping people who were sad or hungry or sick.

What are some things Stephen might have taken with him to help people?

- If someone was hungry, what might Stephen do?
- If someone was cold, what might Stephen do?
- If someone had no money, what might Stephen do?
- If someone had a cut, what might Stephen do?
- If someone didn't know about God's love, what might Stephen do?

ACTIVITY



Stephen showed God's love by helping people who were sad, or hungry, or sick. Stephen told people about Jesus and how Jesus showed God's love, too. But some people became angry with Stephen, some didn't like him teaching about Jesus. But Stephen kept on loving.

- **What happens to your body when you feel angry?**
- **Using crayons, draw a shape to represent your anger on the outline where you think it belongs. It could simply be a blob, or it could be a shape like a lightning fork, or an animal.**
- **What happens if you express what you are angry about?**
- **What happens if you don't?**

