

## Discussion Questions Course 509–1

### Large Group

1. Have you ever been in a crowd and been separated from your family or friends?
2. What did Chris see on his Superbook adventure that changed his mind about getting even with Kane?
3. What did Chris do that surprised Kane and the others at the soccer tryouts?
4. Can anything separate us from God and Christ's love?

### Small Group

#### Teaching

1. When we face persecution for our beliefs, does it mean we failed or did something wrong?
2. As Stephen heard the people lying about him, his face began to glow as bright as an angel. Why do you think this happened?
3. Did Stephen shout insults at them and blame God?
4. Who also responded this way as He was persecuted and put to death?
5. Who did Steven focus on while he was being persecuted?
6. (Hold up the permanent marker.) Why is this called a permanent marker?

#### Prayer

1. Who was listening closely—where was Paul when he wrote this letter?

### Additional Activities

#### Soccer Activity

1. Joy and Chris were on the soccer team and competing to be chosen for the all-star team. How did they pass the ball back and forth to each other?
2. Using only one or two words, how would you describe Stephen in the Bible?
3. In one word, how do you think Stephen felt when he was being accused before the council?
4. In a few words what did you learn about God from the story?
5. How will you respond differently to persecution and troubles after hearing the story?

#### Object Lesson

1. When we face troubles, even ones we caused, does that mean God will abandon us and Jesus will withdraw His love from us?
2. At times, we may wonder if Christ no longer loves us when we suffer persecution. Maybe it means He has left us all alone; is this true?
3. When you look through a magnifying glass at an object, what happens to it?
4. Did the object itself actually grow?
5. Look at the TROUBLE SIGN through the magnifying glass. Did Paul tell us to focus on this?

6. Do you remember what he said we must look at or focus on?
7. Who did God allow Stephen to see in heaven as he was being persecuted and stoned?

### **Coloring Activity**

1. Why was the player named Kane harassing Chris?
2. Name some things that Kane did to try and “rattle” or intimidate Chris.
3. What just happened in this picture?
4. Do you think it was an accident; if not, why did he do it?
5. What did Gizmo say?
6. Did that make Chris laugh?
7. What did Chris want to do?
8. Do you think it is ever right to get even with someone?
9. What do you think you would want to do if that happened to you?
10. Gizmo told Chris that he should ignore the bully. What did Chris say?
11. What did Chris learn from the Bible story?
12. How did that change Chris’s attitude toward Kane, the bully?