



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation  
Unit 1, Lesson 5

## Philip and the Ethiopian

**Lesson Aim:** To know the Holy Spirit helps us understand God's Word so we can tell others.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is your favorite Bible story to explain to someone else?

**GAME:** Follow the Voice

### THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO GIVES US POWER

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 119:169.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

### THE WORD PHILIP EXPLAINS THE GOOD NEWS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God strengthened Stephen to defend and die for the faith.

**After Stephen died, many believers moved to other towns for their own safety. They spread the word about Jesus everywhere they went.** If a Bible Timeline is available, point to Philip and the Ethiopian.

**Today, we will learn Philip followed the direction of the Holy Spirit and helped a man believe in Jesus. The man was on the road from Jerusalem to Gaza. He was returning to his home in Ethiopia, which is in Africa.** Point out Jerusalem, Gaza, and Ethiopia. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 8:26-31, 34-35. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY UNDERSTANDING AND SHARING GOD'S WORD

**The man from Ethiopia had just visited Jerusalem to worship God. What did the man do on the way home? (Read the Bible.) Did he understand? (No.) When and where do you read the Bible? Have you ever read something in the Bible that you did not understand?**

**An angel told Philip to go to the desert road. Who told Philip to go to the chariot and stay near it? (The Holy Spirit.) Who was sitting in the chariot? (The man from Ethiopia.) Who did the man invite to sit**

**with him and explain the Bible verses to him? (Philip.) Who do you know that can explain Bible verses to you?**

**This story shows us how important it is to God that everyone hears the good news about Jesus. It shows us how the Holy Spirit helps each of us understand the Bible and explain the good news to others. Philip told the Ethiopian that the Bible verses were about Jesus. Then he explained the good news. Do you know what that good news is? The good news is God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son Jesus to be our Savior. Whoever believes in Jesus will have life forever close with God. That's good news!**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**God put Philip where he could explain the good news about Jesus. God does the same for us, putting us where we can share the good news. 1000 years before Philip spoke with the man from Ethiopia, David wrote about the importance of sharing the truth we know about God with others.** Reveal Psalm 40:9-10. Read.

**Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to someone who wants to talk with you about Jesus. Ask God to help you share what you know.**

**Let's have a 60-second brainstorm to see what we know about Jesus. Ready? Set? Go!** Have the children list their thoughts as you write.

**How many facts are on our list?** Volunteer counts facts. **We have so much we can share about Jesus with others! Raise your hand if you think you are ready to share the good news about Jesus.** Children raise hands. **We ask God to fill us with the Holy Spirit each day so we can be ready to go where the Holy Spirit leads us and share the good news about Jesus whenever we can.**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Map of Africa showing the country of Ethiopia
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Philip reading the Bible with the man in his chariot
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Alphabet Facts about Jesus

**GAME:** Spirit Says!

**CRAFT:** Good News Message

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Memory Verse Hand Motions, Around the World

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**