



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 1, Lesson 5

Philip and the Ethiopian

Lesson Aim: To know the Holy Spirit makes us ready to tell others about Jesus.

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; returning to his home in Ethiopia. Point out Jerusalem, Gaza, and Ethiopia. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 8:26-31, 34-40. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Acts 8:35. Pray. Read.

THE WAY THE SPIRIT HELPS US

What was the job of the man from Ethiopia? (He was an officer to the Queen of Ethiopia.) **Who told Philip to stay near the chariot?** (The Holy Spirit.) **What did Philip do when he joined the man?** (Explained that the verses were describing Jesus. He told him the good news about Jesus.)

List three things God did to help the man believe in Jesus? (Sent an angel to Philip, sent Philip to the chariot, helped Philip explain the Bible verses and tell the man about Jesus.) **How does this story show God loved the man?** (God put everything and everyone in place so this man would believe in Jesus and be saved.) **The Holy Spirit points us to Jesus.**

Just as He did with Philip and the Ethiopian, the Holy Spirit makes our hearts ready to hear the good news and to share it.

What did the man do when they came to some water? (Asked to be baptized. Went on his way rejoicing.) **He must have told Philip he now believed in Jesus. What do you think he did when he got home?** **Today, many believe he is the one who first brought the good news about Jesus to Africa! What happened to Philip?** (The Holy Spirit took him away. He appeared in other towns to tell them about Jesus.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God placed Philip in a situation where he could explain the good news about Jesus. God does the same for us, placing us in situations 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. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

This week, 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 with others, as Philip did.

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! What are the challenges you face in telling others about Jesus?** 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 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: Scripture Search

CRAFT: Good News Message

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW