

Lesson #75: Philip Shares the Good News

[Acts 8:26-40](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/m9UL67fgT-E>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/GMzDbAMFCY8>

Worship Theme: Follow where God leads.

Memory Verse: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." (Psalm 32:8)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. God Sent His Son <https://youtu.be/eDsWfEtrnS0>
2. Jesus Calls the Sinners <https://youtu.be/KuGfv2U0YmE>
3. Good News Mission <https://youtu.be/T1WMFhM4Sxk>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker:

- Khmer Game: "Muy-kam, Pi-kam"

Introduction:

Have you ever felt like God was telling you to do something? Did you do it? Or did you ignore it? God is always guiding and leading us. Sometimes we don't hear God's leading because we don't pay attention to God. Other times, we hear God but ignore it. Today we will learn about a man who followed the leading of God and shared the Good News of Jesus to a foreigner!

Bible Story:

Philip was a preacher in Samaria sharing the Good News about Jesus to the Samaritans. One day, an angel came to Philip and told him, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza" (Acts 8:26). The angel did not explain why, but Philip obeyed God.

At that time, a man from Ethiopia (that's in Africa!) was traveling near Jerusalem. He came to Jerusalem to worship God even when he was not a Jew. He knew God was one true King and Lord. As he sat in his chariot, which is a cart on wheels pulled by a horse, he was reading the book of Isaiah from the bible and wondered what they meant.

Just then, Philip ran up to the chariot and explained the Scriptures to the Ethiopian man. Philip taught the man that the Scriptures he was reading were all about Jesus. The Ethiopian man was very excited and believed everything Philip told him. He was filled with joy in the Lord and even got baptized by Philip! The Ethiopian went on his way home rejoicing and praising Jesus.

The Ethiopian learned about Jesus because Philip was not afraid to follow God's guidance. Sometimes, we do not have answers to everything, but if we are sure it is God's guidance, we should not hesitate to follow God where he leads. How is God leading you today? Pay attention because God is always leading and guiding us!

Questions to discuss:

1. Where is the foreigner from? (Ethiopia)
2. How did Philip help the Ethiopian man? (He explained the Scripture and told him about Jesus)
3. Why was the Ethiopian man joyful when he returned to Ethiopia? (Because he learned about Jesus)
4. What would have happened if Philip did not follow God's guidance? (He would have missed a chance to share the Good News of Jesus to the Ethiopian man)

5. What would you do when you know God is asking you to do something? (let the children answer)

Game: “Shore vs River”



1. Have the children stand in two or three rows.
2. Explain to the children that they have to jump backwards when the teacher says, “Shore.” When the teacher says, “River,” they have to jump forward. Teacher can say either word once or twice.
3. If the children do not follow direction, they will be taken out of the game.
4. After the game, explain to the children that we need to listen and follow God just like the Ethiopian

man who listened to the Good News and was baptized in the river after being saved.

Memory Verse:

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Craft: “Philip Shared the Good News”

Materials Needed: Printed copy of craft (see below), popsicle stick, tape, crayons



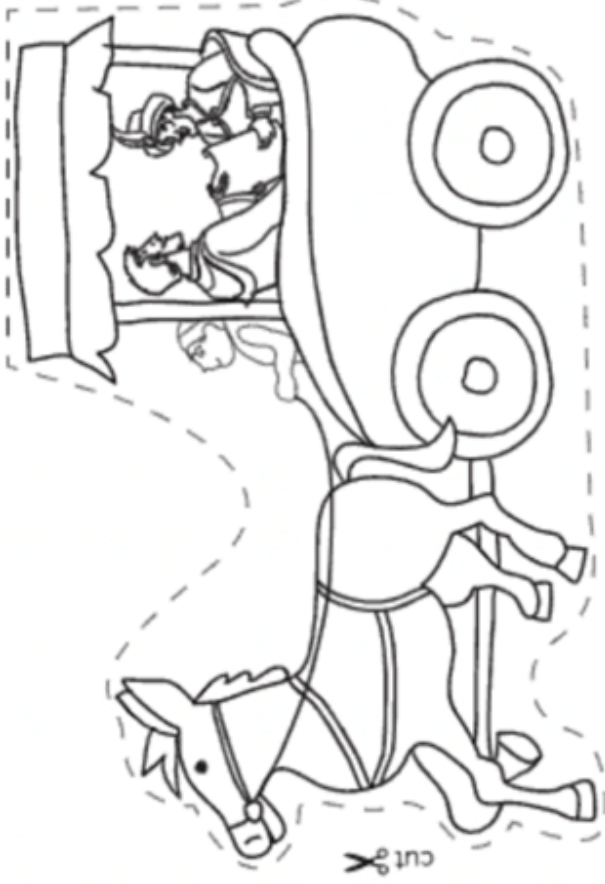
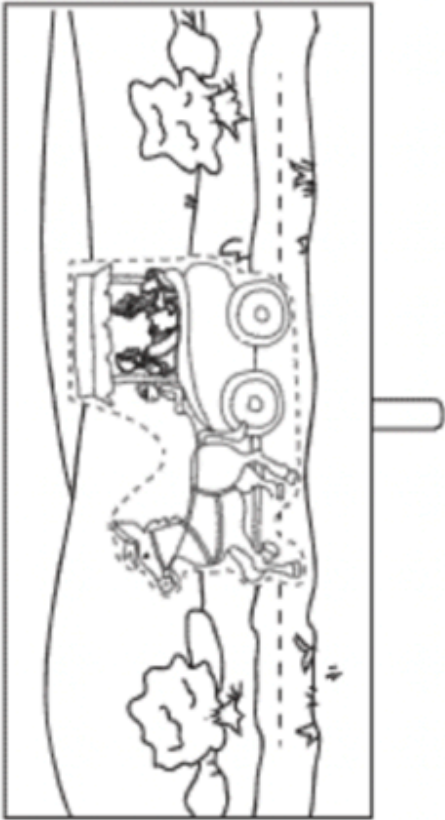
1. Give one copy per child.
2. Ask children to cut out the chariot and the road scene and ask them to color them.
3. Tape a stick behind the chariot.
4. Cut the dotted line on the road.
5. Children can insert the chariot and move it along on the road.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)
Have you ever felt that small voice prompting you to say something or do something? How did you respond? It’s tempting to explain away those nudgings from the Holy Spirit without following them. But what if Philip had done the same thing? This week, listen more closely to—and obey immediately—the directions God lays on your heart.

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Phillip told about Jesus. Acts 8:35

