

May 10, 2026 - Week 2

Bible Story: Philip and the Man from Ethiopia • Acts 8:26-40

Bottom Line: Keep following God, even when you have questions.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIV

Who Did It?

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Connect

Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need:

- Bible
- "Character Cards" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Character Cards" on cardstock and cut, one set per kid.

During the Activity:

- Open the Bible to Acts 8. Show the kids in the Bible where the story is. (Acts 8:26-40)
- Review the Bible Story by sharing these main points:
 - An angel told a follower of Jesus named Philip to go to a desert road.
 - On the desert road, there was a chariot.
 - The Holy Spirit told Philip: "Stay near that chariot!"
 - Philip ran up beside the chariot!
 - A man from Ethiopia was inside the chariot reading Scripture, but he didn't understand what he was reading.
 - So Philip climbed into the chariot and explained what the Scriptures meant. The man was reading about Jesus!
 - The man from Ethiopia decided to become a follower of Jesus! He saw some water and wanted to be baptized right away!
 - Right after Philip baptized the man, God took Philip away to teach about Him in another town.
- Give every kid a picture of Philip and a picture of the Ethiopian official from the "Character Cards" Activity Page.
- Tell them you're going to read some things that happened in today's Bible Story.
- They will listen carefully and hold up the picture of the person who did that action.
- Read the following statements:
 - "Who was traveling in a chariot?" (*the Ethiopian official*)
 - "Who did an angel tell to go to the desert road?" (*Philip*)
 - "Who was reading from a scroll of Scripture but didn't understand it?" (*the Ethiopian official*)
 - "Who ran alongside the chariot to talk to the man?" (*Philip*)
 - "Who asked, 'What can stop me from being baptized?' (Acts 8:36-37 NIV)" (*the Ethiopian official*)

- “Who helped the man understand the good news about Jesus?” (*Philip*)

What You Say:

“You know our story so well! The man from Ethiopia had big questions, but he didn’t stop looking for answers. And God sent Philip to help him. See, Philip was teaching about Jesus and His great love in Samaria. But then God’s angel spoke to him and said, ‘*Go south to the desert road*’ (*Acts 8:26a*). Now, I’m sure Philip had questions about this. After all, he was busy doing God’s work in Samaria! But Philip trusted God and set off down the road. That’s where the man from Ethiopia was in his chariot!

“Then, the Holy Spirit told Philip, “*Go to that chariot. Stay near it*” (*Acts 8:29*). God directed Philip right to the chariot. Then, Philip was able to help the man from Ethiopia with his questions about God.

“God cared so much about the man from Ethiopia that He sent Philip to help him! God guided Philip every step of the way, just to help the Ethiopian man find answers. That’s so cool! It reminds us to **[Bottom Line] keep following God, even when you have questions.**”