



Unit 30, Session 1

Philip and the Ethiopian

Acts 8

Story Point: The Holy Spirit led Philip to tell the Ethiopian man about Jesus.

An angel told Philip to go to a desert road. So Philip went. On the road was a man from Ethiopia. The man had come to worship in Jerusalem, and now he was on his way home. He sat in his chariot, reading aloud the words of the prophet Isaiah.

The Holy Spirit told Philip to go to the chariot. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked the man.

The official replied, “How can I, unless someone explains it to me?” Philip sat with him. The official was reading these words from Isaiah:

He was led like a sheep
to the slaughter,
and as a lamb is silent
before its shearer,
so He does not open His mouth.
He was treated unfairly,

and His life is taken away.

The official asked, “Was Isaiah talking about himself or someone else?” Isaiah was talking about the Messiah, so Philip began to tell the man the good news about Jesus.

Then the official told the chariot to stop. He and Philip went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. The official continued home, and he was very happy.

Christ Connection: The Ethiopian official knew what the Old Testament prophets said, but he did not understand that they spoke about Jesus. The Holy Spirit led Philip to help the official understand the good news about Jesus: Jesus died on the cross for our sins and was raised from the dead, just like the Old Testament prophets said.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks:

The _____ official
knew what the _____ Testament
_____ said, but he did not
_____ that they spoke
about _____ .

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LOD
RPPHETSOR
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- What does this story teach us about God?

- What do we need to do to be used by God?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find Colossians 1:18 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Jesus for allowing us to be part of His plan to share His love and good news to others around us.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 10:14-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 28:19-20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 36:26-27 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 7:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 9:37-38 | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 1:8 |