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BIBLE STORYLINE

## Philip Shares With An Ethiopian

[PursueGOD.org](http://PursueGOD.org)**Lesson Overview**

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about a guy named Philip and an Ethiopian treasurer. Philip was a leader in the early church and he liked to tell people about Jesus. One day, he was walking along the road when a carriage rolled by carrying an important person. That person was the treasurer for the Queen of Ethiopia. That means he was responsible for the queen's money. He was an important guy! As the treasurer rode by, Philip heard him reading from the book of Isaiah found in the OT of the Bible. So, Philip ran up to him to talk to him about Jesus. See, the Ethiopian knew some stuff about God but he hadn't heard about Jesus yet. So, Philip sat down with him to help him fill in the blanks. He told him all about Jesus and that he died for the sins of all people. Right then and there, the Ethiopian put his trust in Jesus and he even got baptized! We can learn from Philip. When we share Jesus with others, start from what they know and then help them fill in the blanks so that they understand all that Jesus has done for them.

**Big Idea**

*Helping people pursue God starts with what they know.*

**Key Question**

*How can you share Jesus with your friends?*

**Memory Verse**

*Acts 8:35 "So, beginning with the same scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus."*

## Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Describe something that you want to learn more about. (Ex. how gravity works, how fish breathe underwater, or how cotton candy is made) What will you do to learn more about it?** (Tip: It's fun to learn new things. Philip helped a guy learn something new when he told him about Jesus.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **You can share how Jesus saved you and invite them to church.** (Learn from Philip. Be ready to share with your friends about who Jesus is and what he's done for you and for them. Also, you can invite your friends to come to church so they can sing songs about Jesus and hear stories about him, too.)
  - **Bonus Questions:** How can you share Jesus with your friends? Share a time you've talked to a friend about Jesus. **4-5th:** Why can it be scary to share Jesus with your friends? Why is it important to do it anyways?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Matthew 28:19-20. What does Jesus tell his followers to do? What book is full of God's truth/commands that helps us to know how to live for him?** (Answer: Jesus has given us a very important job. He wants us to go and tell people about him. And, we need to encourage people to read the Bible so they know how to live to honor God with their lives. )
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to [pursueGOD.org/kids](http://pursueGOD.org/kids) to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: STORY REVIEW HANGMAN

### **Instructions:**

- Before class, draw a Hangman puzzle on the whiteboard. Use the words or phrases below to play the game. Put blanks for each letter in the word/phrase and have kids take turns guessing letters. Fill in the appropriate letters. If they guess a letter not in the word/phrase, draw a part of a man. See if the class can solve the puzzle before a full man is drawn.

### **Words or phrases:**

Philip

Ethiopian treasurer

Share Jesus with your friends

Baptism

Carriage

**Supplies needed:** None

## OPTION 2: CARRIAGE CRAFT

### **Instructions:**

- Give each kid a small solo cup that's been cut in half, long ways. This will be the carriage.
- Give each kid a Carriage template (page 5) and a craft stick.
- Have them color and cut out each item.
- Then, have them tape the wheels to either side of the bottom of the cup.
- Have kids tape the picture of Philip and the Ethiopian to the top of the craft stick and then have them tape the stick to the inside of the cup to make it look like they are riding in the carriage.
- As they work, read the story from [Acts 8:26-38](#). Encourage the kids to be ready to share Jesus with their friends.


**Supplies needed:** Small Solo cups (1 per kid, cut in half, long ways), Carriage template (pg. 5, 1 set kid), Crayons, Scissors, Tape, Craft sticks (1 per kid)

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Memory Verse

**Acts 8:35** So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

## \_\_\_\_\_ Met the Treasurer of Ethiopia

One day Philip was walking along the road when God told him to go walk beside a carriage that was also on the road. Inside the carriage was the treasurer of Ethiopia. Philip heard this man reading from his Bible and knew he had to talk to him about Jesus.

## The \_\_\_\_\_ Knew Just a Little Bit About God

Philip heard him reading the Bible, so the treasurer must have known a lot about God, right? Well, not really. The treasurer really wanted to pursue God but he didn't know the full story. He didn't know one of the most important parts about pursuing God.

## Philip Filled in the \_\_\_\_\_ and Told Him About \_\_\_\_\_

Philip knew who Jesus was and he helped the treasurer to understand. Philip started with what the guy already knew by explaining how Jesus fits with the scripture he was reading from the Old Testament.

**Acts 8:35** So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

## \_\_\_\_\_ People Pursue God Starts with What They \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know the best way to help people learn about Jesus? Start with what they already know and help them to see how Jesus fits into that. It might be scary, but if Philip can do it so can you!

Answers: *Philip, treasurer, blanks, Jesus, helping, know* **Parent**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions:

1. Describe something that you want to learn more about. (Ex. how gravity works or how fish breathe underwater). What will you do to learn more about that thing?
2. What was the brave thing that Philip did?
3. Read [Matthew 28:19-20](#). What does Jesus tell his followers to do? What book is full of God's truth, or commands, that helps us to know how to live for him?
4. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

**PUZZLE 14**  
**THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Find the hidden words.



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WEEP  
FATHER  
PEACE  
WORLD

OVERCOME  
HEAVEN  
CHRIST  
WORD  
BELIEVE

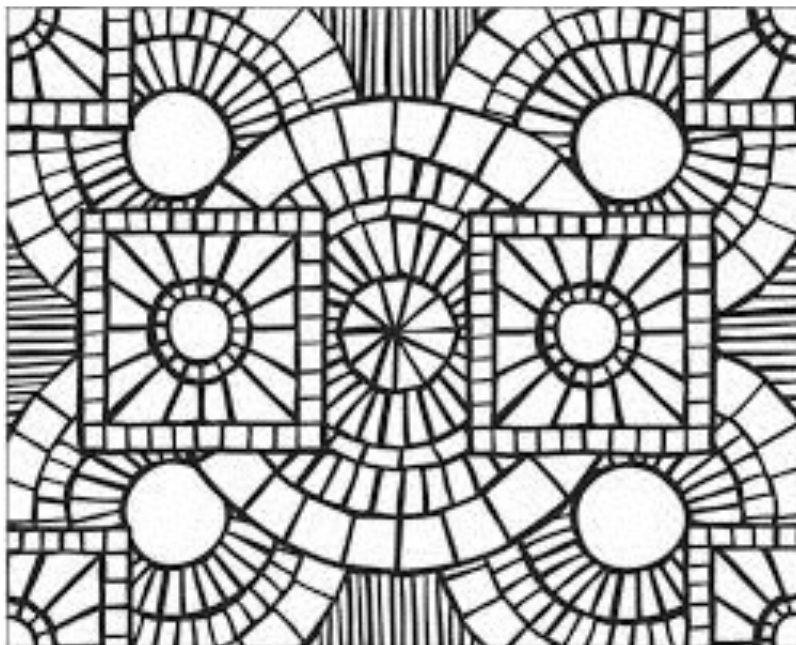


**Big Idea**

**Key Question**

**Memory Verse**

Acts 8:\_\_\_ "So, beginning with  
the \_\_\_\_\_ scripture, Philip  
told \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
News about \_\_\_\_\_."



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