

PHILIP TAUGHT ABOUT JESUS



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Describe a child in the group by a clothing or hair color feature and ask the children to guess who you are talking about. Give clues about another child and ask the group to guess who you are talking about. Ask the children to guess what people use when they want to tell someone about Jesus.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

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- » Show the Bible and remark that people use the Bible to tell others about Jesus. Mention that in today's Bible story, Philip used a Bible scroll to tell a man from Ethiopia about Jesus.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » An angel told Philip to travel on a desert road.
- » Philip saw a man from Ethiopia riding in a chariot; he was reading a Bible scroll.
- » Philip asked the man if he understood what he was reading; the man did not.
- » Philip explained that the words in the Bible were about Jesus. He told him the good news about Jesus.
- » The man saw water nearby and wanted to be baptized. Philip baptized the man and the man went home very happy.
- » Philip traveled to other places to tell people about Jesus.

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » Where did the angel tell Philip to go?
- » What was the man in the chariot doing?
- » What did Philip ask the man who was reading the Bible scroll?
- » Who did Philip tell the Ethiopian man that the Bible taught about?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- » Remark that people use the Bible to tell others about Jesus.

ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

The Bible teaches what Jesus did.

LIFE POINT

People use the Bible to tell others about Jesus.

UNIT VERSE

All God's words are true.
Psalms 119:160

WEEKLY VERSE

Philip told the good news about Jesus. *Acts 8:35*

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

*People use the Bible to,
Bible to, Bible to;
People use the Bible to
Tell others about Jesus.*

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Remark that in today’s Bible story, Philip talked to the man from Ethiopia. Invite a child to help you open the Bible to Acts 8:35 to discover how Philip helped the man. Read the verse and ask the children to repeat it. Comment that after the man learned about Jesus, he saw some water and asked Philip to baptize him.

PRAY

Invite a few volunteers to pray and talk to God. Close the prayer by thanking God for giving us the Bible so that we can use it to tell other people about Jesus.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: People use the Bible to tell others about Jesus.

- 1. Make a Bible scroll.** Cut copy paper in half. Carefully tape straws to the top and bottom of the half sheet of paper to fashion a scroll (one per child). Offer a child a few colored pencils and encourage her to copy a Bible verse or draw pictures of Philip and the man in the chariot. Retell the story as the children draw. Once completed, assist a child to roll up her scroll and tie it with a strip of ribbon or yarn.
- 2. Play out travel.** Arrange child-size chairs in rows to resemble the interior of a van or bus. Give each child a paper plate and a few crayons. Encourage the boys and girls to decorate their plates to use as steering wheels. Invite the children to play out travel by finding a seat and choosing a destination. Remark that in today’s Bible story, the Ethiopian man was on the road between Jerusalem and Gaza when Philip stopped him. Remind the preschoolers that Philip used the man’s Bible scroll to tell him the good news about Jesus.

3. Tell about Jesus. Form two groups. Urge the children to line up on opposite sides of the room. Show the preschoolers a Bible marked at the Weekly Verse. Open the Bible and read the verse. Give the Bible to the first child in line and instruct her to move across the room, give the Bible to a preschooler in the other group, and repeat the verse. Continue moving the Bible back and forth until each child has held it and repeated the verse.

4. Paint with watercolors. Invite a few children to put on smocks and paint with watercolors. Demonstrate how to dip the brush in water before touching it to the paint. Remind the children to rinse the brushes often. Mention that in today’s Bible story, Philip explained that the Bible was about Jesus. Say that the man asked Philip if he would baptize him. Explain that Philip and the man walked to the water and Philip baptized him there.

CLEAN UP

Suggest the children listen to hear what needs to be put away. Notice items around the room and describe them to the preschoolers. Lead them to look around the room for something that is blue and is shaped like a square. Guide the children to notice a blue block and move to put it away.

ASK AND ANSWER

Lead the children to play a “Have You Ever ...” type game. Lead them to give you a thumbs-up or a thumbs-down depending upon their answers. Ask the children if they have ever ridden in an airplane, been to a river, read a Bible verse, ridden a horse, eaten asparagus, or seen a chariot. Take opportunities to review today’s Bible story as the children answer questions. Continue play as time allows.

DISMISS

Help children gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.