

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia

Acts 8:5-8, 26-39

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

Philip was a Christian preaching about Jesus in Samaria. God sent an angel to Philip. The angel told Philip to go along a road into the desert. Philip went.

As Philip was walking, he saw a man from Ethiopia riding in a chariot. The man was reading the Bible. God told Philip to talk to the man. Philip heard the man reading in Isaiah about a man who was quiet like a lamb, even when others were taking him to kill him. The man the Ethiopian was reading about was like a sheep being led to be killed. Philip asked the Ethiopian if he understood what the Bible was saying. The man said, "No, I need some help to understand."

That part of the Bible talks about Jesus. Philip told the Ethiopian about Jesus. Knowing about Jesus made the Ethiopian very happy. Philip helped him to see that Jesus died for his sins, and that Jesus is the Son of God.

Philip and the Ethiopian came to some water. The Ethiopian wanted Philip to baptize him. Philip said, "I will baptize you if you believe." The man said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." They went into the water. Philip baptized the Ethiopian.

Then the Holy Spirit took Philip away so that the Ethiopian could see him no more. Even so, he rejoiced because he now knew Jesus as his Savior. The man went home very happy.

The Holy Spirit gave the Ethiopian faith to believe Jesus is his Savior.

The Holy Spirit gives us faith to believe in Jesus.

Passage

"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."
Acts 8:37

Hymn

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow, black and white,
All are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

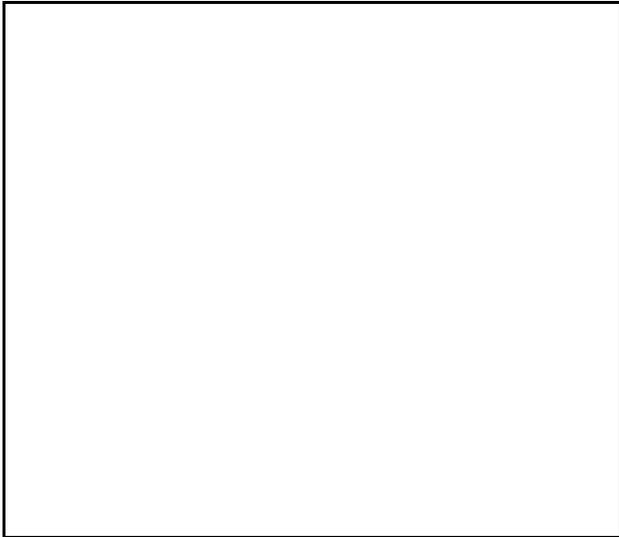
Prayer

Thank You, Jesus, for saving the man from Ethiopia. Thank You, Jesus, for saving me from my sins. Thank You for the people who help me to know about You. Thank You for the Bible and for sending the Holy Spirit into my heart so that I believe. Amen.

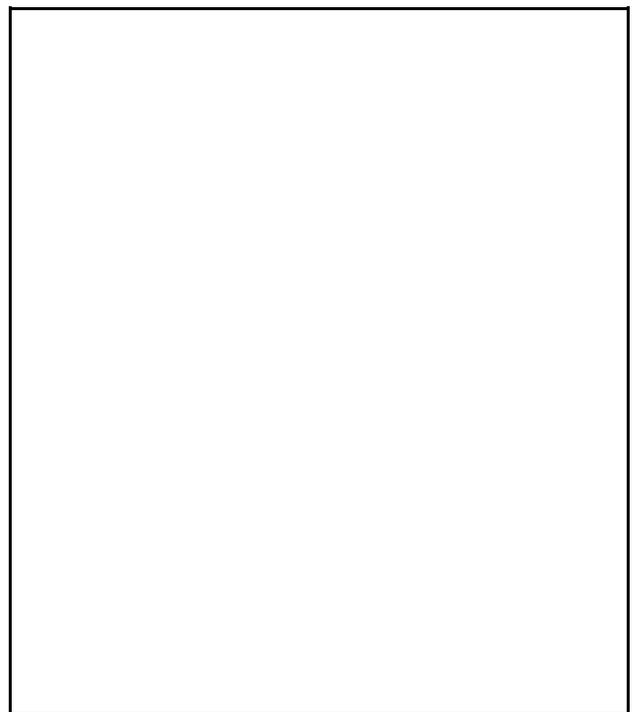


Classroom Activity - Help the class do the following...

1. Draw a book. Write the word **BIBLE** on it.
 - ▶ Who was reading the Bible?
 - ▶ Who helped him understand the Bible?

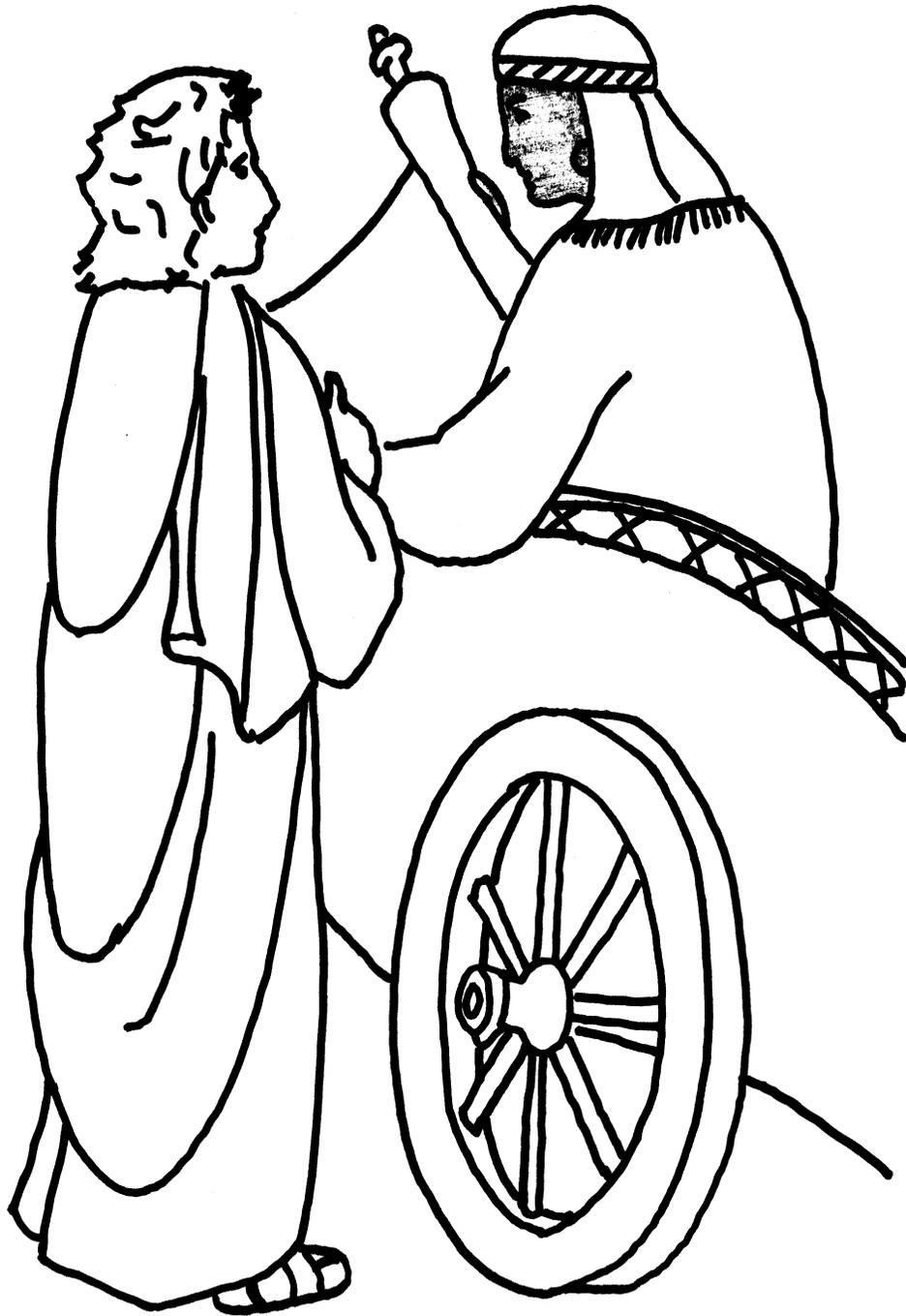


2. Draw a man. Write the name **JESUS** under him.
 - ▶ About whom did Philip talk?
 - ▶ Who talks to you about Jesus?



3. Draw a river. Write the word **WATER** on it.
 - ▶ Why did Philip baptize the man?
 - ▶ When were you baptized?
 - ▶ What does the pastor do when he baptizes someone?





"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Acts 8:37

Color the person who said these words.

Who is the other person in the picture? Could he have said the same thing?

Name three people you know who would say these same words.