

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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PRAY FOR WISDOM:

Father in heaven, thank You for providing Your Word to guide, instruct, and inspire me. Give me ears to hear and to apply the truths in the Bible.

Help me communicate the power and beauty of Your Word to these children. In each Bible story they hear, please reveal Jesus' love for them. I pray in Christ's name, amen.

LESSON MEMORY VERSE: ACTS 8:31

"I need someone to show me what the Bible says about Jesus."

BIBLE LESSON: GOOD NEWS! (BASED ON ACTS 8:26-40)

Philip was one of Jesus' friends who lived long ago. He told many people about God's love and forgiveness.

One day, an angel said to Philip, "Get up and go to the road that leads south from Jerusalem." The angel didn't tell Philip why God wanted him to go there, but he obeyed.

When Philip reached the road, he saw a chariot. The man inside the chariot had come to worship God in Jerusalem. He was an important leader from Ethiopia, a country in Africa. He now was going home. As the man rode the chariot, he was reading the Bible.

Listen and learn, listen and learn, listen and learn (cup hands behind ears; point to head)

The Bible tells us all about Jesus. (hold up Bible)

God's Spirit told Philip to run up to the chariot. Philip obeyed. He ran as fast as he could! As Philip got close, he saw the African man reading his Bible. "Do you understand what you are reading?" asked Philip.

"No, I don't. Will you help me?" the man asked. So, Philip climbed into the chariot with the man. As they rode together, Philip explained the Bible to him. The Ethiopian man listened closely as Philip told him about Jesus.

The man soon understood what the Bible said. Now he knew that Jesus had died on the cross to forgive his sins. Now he knew that Jesus rose from the grave to give him new life! He believed what the Bible said was true.

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Soon they came to some water. The Ethiopian man said to Philip, "From now on I want to follow Jesus, too. And I am ready to be baptized. Here is some water. Will you baptize me?"

Philip was glad that the man believed in Jesus. "Yes, of course!" Philip said. "Stop the chariot!" he told the driver. They got out of the chariot. Philip baptized the Ethiopian man in the water. He was very happy! Now he knew Jesus! Now he was Jesus' follower, too!

Right after Philip baptized the man, God's Spirit took Philip away to another town! But the man from Africa got back into his chariot. He went back to his home- rejoicing all the way!

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ACTIVITIES:

Scrolls (Supplies: paper grocery sacks, scissors, straws or unsharpened pencils, stickers, tape, yarn, markers)

Cut the paper bag into strips about 3" wide. Crumple and straighten the strips several times to age the paper. Write the Lesson Bible Words, "I need someone to explain the Bible to me" on the strip of paper. Tell your children that in the Bible story, the Bible the man in the chariot was reading would have been in the form of a scroll, and not a book like we have today. Help them make a scroll of their own by taping the ends of the strip of paper to straws or pencils and then rolling both ends towards the middle. Give each child a piece of yarn to tie around the scroll to keep it rolled. Have the children practice unrolling the scroll and telling someone what the Bible says about Jesus.

All sorts of Chariots (Supplies: pictures of different kinds of chariots from history books or the Internet)

Show the children pictures of many different kind of chariots. Ask them about the things that are the same about all of them (pulled by horses, two wheels) and the things that are different about them (different sizes, some plain, some fancy). Ask them which kind they think the man from the story was riding in.

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