

# Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 8:26-40

Main Street

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## bible verse

COMMITTING TO MEMORY

### Acts 8:36

Look, here is water.  
Why shouldn't I be baptized?



## story lesson

BIBLE STORY

Philip continues to be the center of attention in this section of the book of Acts. An angel of the Lord told Philip to go down a certain road. On his travels he met an Ethiopian eunuch who was returning from Jerusalem and heading home. He was reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. "The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it'" (Acts 8:29).

Philip heard the eunuch reading Isaiah the prophet and asked if he understood what he was reading. The Ethiopian eunuch replied: "How can I unless someone explains it to me?" (Acts 8:31). He was reading Isaiah 53:7-8, which referred to a sheep led to the slaughter and humiliation. The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" (Acts 8:34). "Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus" (Acts 8:35).

As they were traveling, Philip and the eunuch passed by some water. The eunuch asked Philip if he could be baptized. The chariot was stopped, both men went down into the water, and Philip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch.

"When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea" (Acts 8:39-40).

And so the Gospel reaches the continent of Africa via a divine appointment by none other than the Lord himself through his servant Philip.





## life application

MAKING IT REAL

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### Divine Appointments

Are we aware when God is calling us to tell others about him? Do we have ears to hear and eyes to see? Are we listening and watching for what God wants us to do for him as his representatives in this world? Or maybe God wants our whole lives to be constant divine appointments because no matter what we are doing or who we are with we are called to be model kingdom people. Maybe because we have the “divine” in us as followers of Jesus...

### Be Able to Explain

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15). Philip was ready to explain the Scriptures to the Ethiopian Eunuch. He didn’t have to go to seminary or Bible college. Philip interpreted the Bible in light of Jesus. And that is how you explain things to people who ask: you talk about how Jesus has changed your life. And if they ask about something in the Bible, then pray silently and the Holy Spirit will give you the words as you talk about Jesus!



## questions

REMEMBERING

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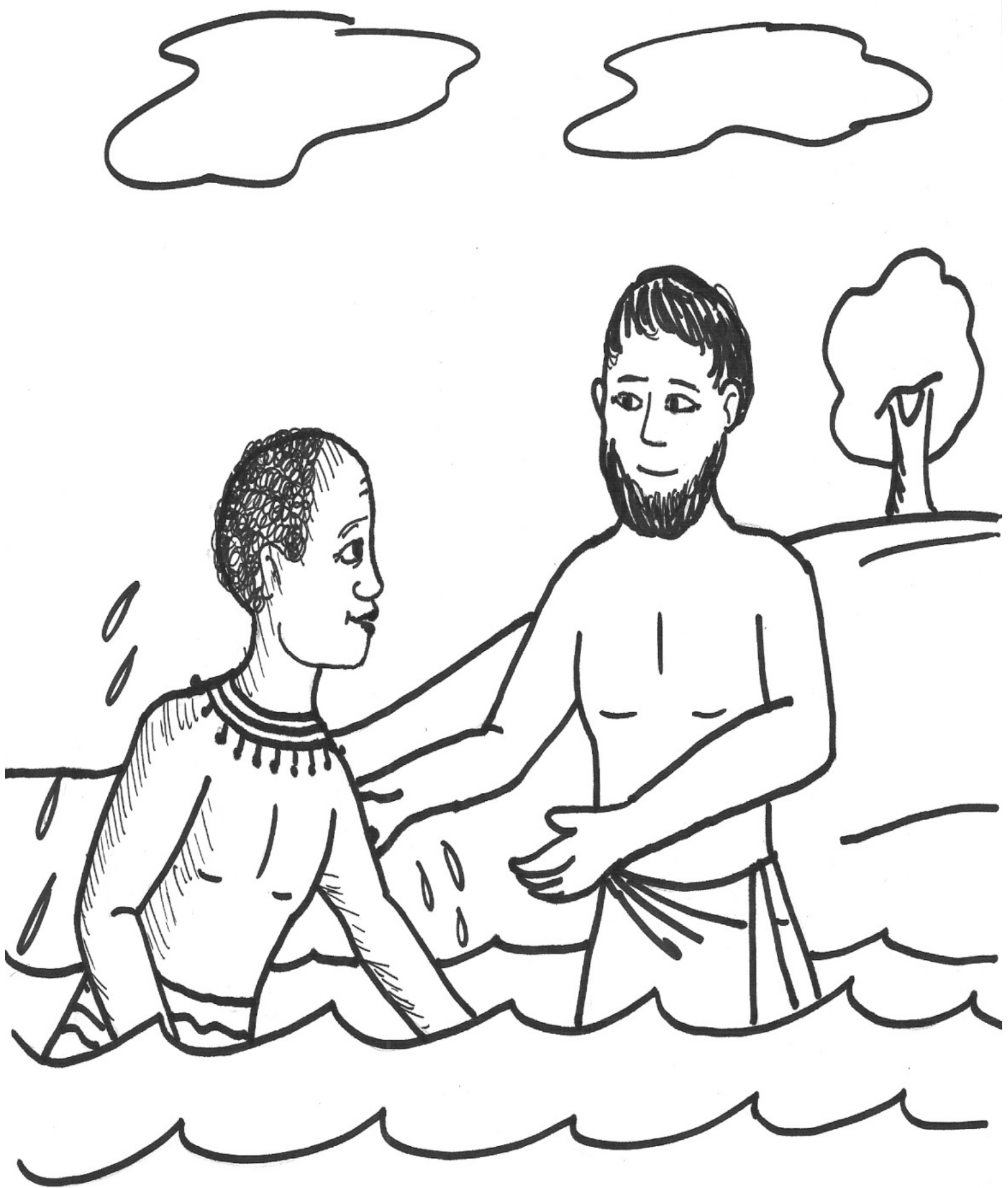
- 1. Who did Philip meet on the road?** An Ethiopian Eunuch
- 2. What was the Ethiopian Eunuch reading?** The book of Isaiah the prophet
- 3. What did Philip ask the Ethiopian Eunuch?** If he understood what he was reading
- 4. What did the Ethiopian Eunuch say?** “How can I unless someone explains it to me?” (Acts 8:31)
- 5. Who did Philip talk to the Ethiopian Eunuch about?** Jesus
- 6. When Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch passed by some water, what did the eunuch say?** “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” (Acts 8:37)
- 7. What happened to Philip when they came up out of the water?** “...the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away...” (Acts 8:39)



## coloring sheet

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