

Large Group

The Church Spread Out

Bible Passage: Acts 8

Memory Verse: Isaiah 53:5

Big Picture Question: **Why did Jesus become human?**

Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

The apostles and other believers were obedient to God's command to go and share the good news with the world. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles power and helped them boldly share the gospel. Even when Peter and John were arrested for sharing the gospel and told to be quiet, God gave them courage to keep sharing the good news.

Last week, we learned that a disciple named Stephen suffered and died for loving Jesus and sharing the good news. But this did not stop believers from continuing to share the gospel. Today, we will learn how the Holy Spirit led Philip to share the good news with a man from Ethiopia.

Today's Lesson

Philip had followed Jesus and was one of His disciples. After Jesus went back to heaven, Philip joined the other disciples and was sent out to share the good news. One day, God sent Philip to a desert road between Jerusalem and Gaza. Philip obeyed and went to the road. Who told Philip to go to the chariot? [Allow responses.] The Holy Spirit led Philip to the Ethiopian's chariot. Philip heard the man reading aloud from the book of Isaiah.

The Ethiopian man needed help understanding what he was reading. What did the man ask Philip? [Allow responses.] The Ethiopian official asked Philip who Isaiah was writing about in the Scripture he was reading. Philip told the man that it was about Jesus, and he shared the good news. The verses in Isaiah were written long before Jesus came to earth, but they were about Jesus coming to die on the cross for our sin. **Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.**

After Philip shared the gospel and helped the Ethiopian man understand God's Word, the Ethiopian man wanted to follow Jesus. Philip followed the command God has for all believers to go and share the good news with the world. How did the Ethiopian man show he trusted in Jesus? [Allow responses.] The Ethiopian man wanted to be baptized. Philip was faithful to make a disciple, baptize him, and teach him God's Word.

We are called to go and share the gospel. As we go, God will lead us to people who need to hear the good news so they can believe in Jesus and be saved from their sins.

Christ Connection I The Holy Spirit led Philip to help the Ethiopian official understand the good news about Jesus: Jesus died on the cross for our sins and was raised from the dead, just like the Old Testament prophets said.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Acts 8:26-40

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.