

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who can we ask if we have questions about the Bible?
- How can you know when the Holy Spirit is leading you?
- How could you respond in love to a person who rejects Jesus?



The Ethiopian Official Believed

Acts 8:26-40

MAIN POINT: THE HOLY SPIRIT TOLD PHILIP TO TELL THE ETHIOPIAN MAN ABOUT JESUS.

An angel of the Lord told Philip, a follower of Jesus, to go to a desert road between Jerusalem and Gaza. So Philip went.

On the road was a man from Ethiopia. He sat in his chariot, reading aloud the words of the prophet Isaiah.

The Holy Spirit told Philip to go to the chariot, so Philip ran up to it. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked the man.

The official replied, "How can I, unless someone explains it to me?" He invited Philip into his chariot, and Philip sat with him.

Philip began to tell the man the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled down the road, they came to some water. "What would keep me from being baptized?" the official asked.

Then the official asked the chariot to stop. He and Philip went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. The official continued home, and he was very happy.

Christ Connection: The Ethiopian official knew what the Old Testament prophets had said, but he did not understand that the prophets spoke about Jesus. The Holy Spirit led Philip to help the 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.

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