

1st – 5th Grade Small Group Lesson



Session Title: The Ethiopian Official Believed

Bible Passage: Acts 8:26-40

Main Point: The Holy Spirit told Philip to tell the Ethiopian man about Jesus.

Key Passage: Phil 2:13

Big Picture Question: What does the Holy Spirit do? The Holy Spirit helps Christians follow Jesus.

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.

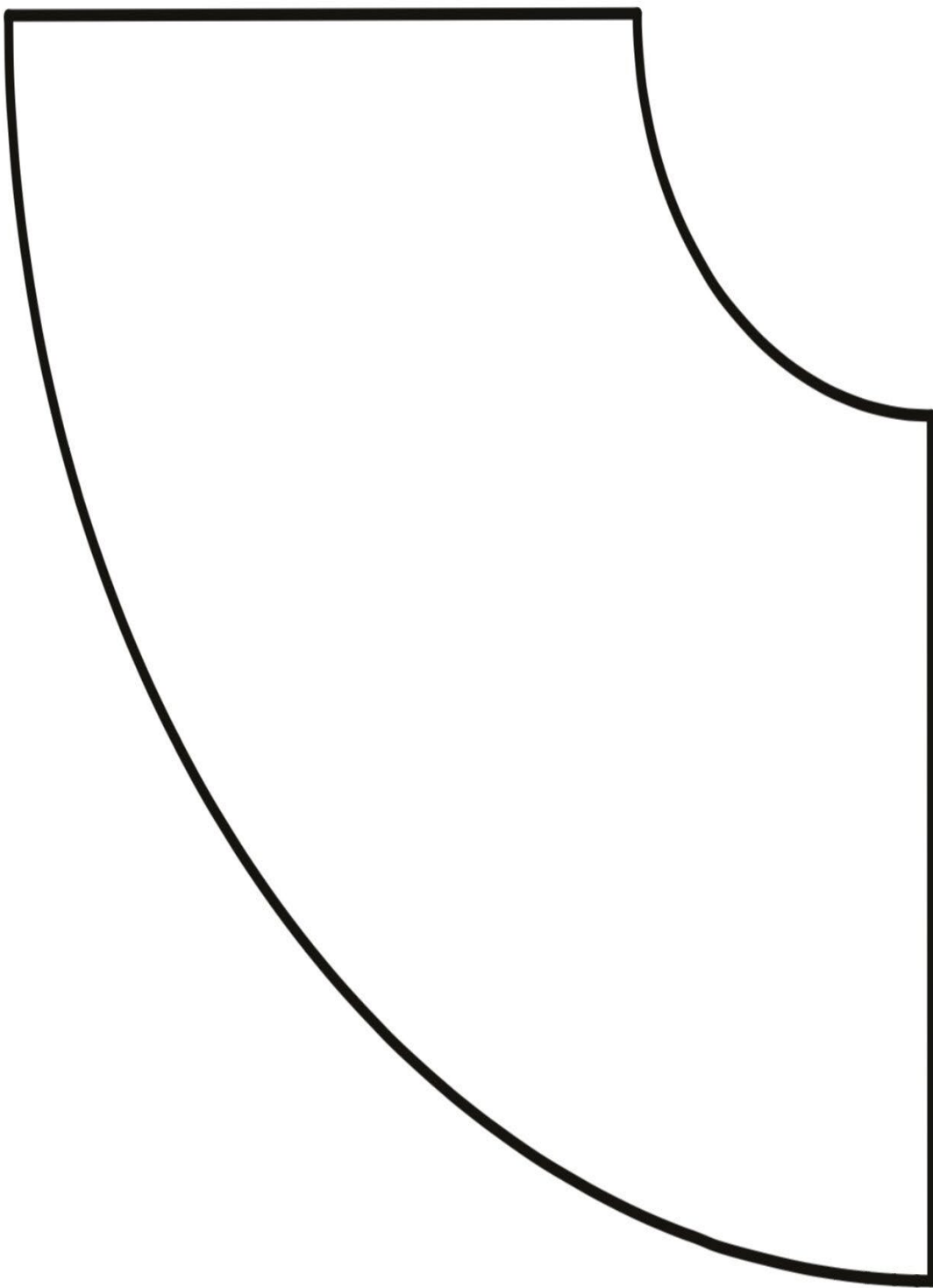
Good News Megaphone

Materials: paper towel tubes, cut in half construction paper, tape)

Print attachment if you do not have a paper towel tube

Give each person half of an empty paper towel tube and a sheet of construction paper. Show them how to roll the paper into a cone and tape it to the paper towel tube. The tube should be a handle and the cone will make a megaphone. Once they have finished their megaphones, give them some silly phrases to announce. End the activity by asking them to announce a serious phrase, such as the big picture answer, main point, or key passage.

The Holy Spirit told Philip to tell the Ethiopian man about Jesus. The man from Ethiopia was struggling to understand the writings of Isaiah. Philip explained the good news of Jesus, and the Ethiopian believed. God's plan is for each of us to tell the gospel to our friends and family, and anyone we meet. We can trust God to work out His plan to save sinners.



Scrambled Words

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INSTRUCTIONS: Unscramble each key word below, using the pictures as help. See if you can guess why each word is important.

KEY PASSAGE: Philippians 2:13

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What does the Holy Spirit do? The Holy Spirit helps Christians follow Jesus.

BIBLE STORY:

THE ETHIOPIAN OFFICIAL BELIEVED

- The Holy Spirit sent Philip out to a specific place.
- There, Philip met an Ethiopian man who was confused by Scripture.
- Philip taught the man about Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit told Philip to tell the Ethiopian man about Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

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

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Talk to your kids about baptism. If they are believers, discuss with church leaders a plan for when they could be baptized.

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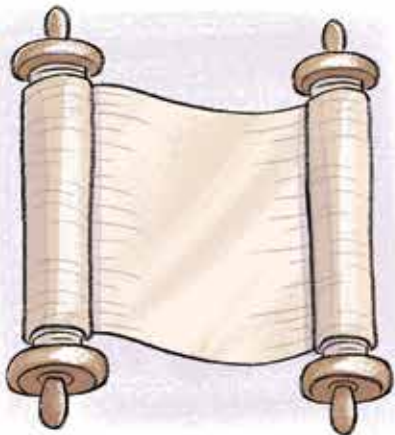
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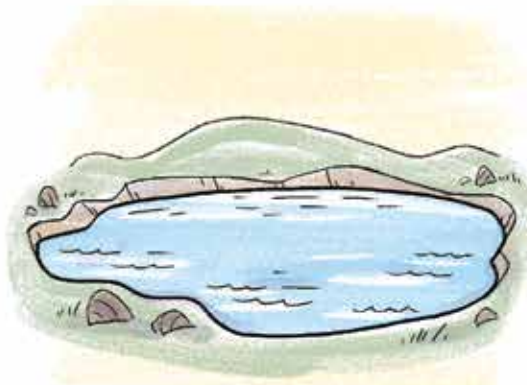
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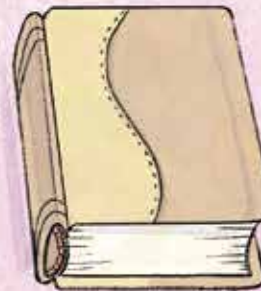
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