



PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN



Acts 8:26-40

Philip was one of Jesus' followers. He was busy telling people about Jesus when an angel spoke to him "Go out on the road," the angel said. Along came a very important man from Ethiopia riding in his chariot. He was reading from the book of Isaiah.

Philip ran alongside the chariot and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" No, the man didn't understand. He stopped the chariot and invited Philip to ride in the chariot and explain what the book meant.

Philip explained the Scripture passage the man was reading. It was all about Jesus. The man asked, "Why don't I get baptized?" the Ethiopian man believed in Jesus, and he wanted to be baptized.

So they stopped the chariot, and Philip baptized him. Then God needed Philip in another place, and whoosh! Just like that Philip was gone.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - sensory bin with sand - - - **Floor** - Cars



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

ROLL A BALL – Have preschoolers sit in a circle in the large group area. Having legs criss-crossed may work best. Show preschoolers the ball and let them know you will roll the ball to someone in the circle. This person will then roll the ball to another person in the circle. Keep rolling the ball in turn until everyone has had a chance to catch and roll the ball. You can also use the activity to review the key passage. **Today, we will learn about when Jesus' friends started the first church. They learned about God and were sharing everything they had.**



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Read the story from printed sheet in the bin ; or watch the story video from the jump drive on the TV.

WE ARE THE CHURCH



SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the July 2026 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

Serve each other with love.
Galatians 5:13b



ACTIVITIES

TRAVEL THE ROAD

- Create a long road on the floor with painter's tape. Invite interested preschoolers to walk, hop, march, tiptoe, or skip on the pathway. Remember to consider noise level because it can be heard in the sanctuary below.
- As they travel, say 'Philip walked on a road because God told him to go there. Let's travel just like Philip!'
- **When God told Philip to travel on the road, he did what God told him to do. God knew the man from Ethiopia needed help understanding everything about Jesus. Philip was able to help the man understand and believe in Jesus.**

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PRESCHOOL CHARADES

- Use the Roll and Play game with interested preschoolers.
- Have preschoolers take turns rolling the cube and then choosing the correct color of card. Then they should demonstrate the action on the card for others to guess the action.
- **Being at church is a great place to act out God's love to others. We can share toys, play fun games, and sing songs about Jesus . . .together. When we are kind to others, we show God's love. God's people share and care for each other.**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.