

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

- Do you ever feel led to do something? How do you think God might lead us?
- Who can you ask if you have questions about the Bible?
- How many people do you encounter each day? How many of them need to hear the good news about Jesus?

Philip and the Ethiopian

Acts 8

STORY POINT: THE HOLY SPIRIT LED PHILIP TO TELL THE ETHIOPIAN MAN ABOUT JESUS.

An angel told Philip to go to a desert road. So Philip went. On the road was a man from Ethiopia. The man had come to worship in Jerusalem, and now he was on his way home. He sat in his chariot, reading aloud the words of the prophet Isaiah.

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

The official replied, "How can I, unless someone explains it to me?" Philip sat with him. The official was reading these words from Isaiah:

He was led like a sheep
to the slaughter,
and as a lamb is silent
before its shearer,
so He does not open His
mouth.

He was treated unfairly,
and His life is taken away.
The official asked, "Was Isaiah
talking about himself or someone else?"
Isaiah was talking about the Messiah, so
Philip began to tell the man the good news
about Jesus.

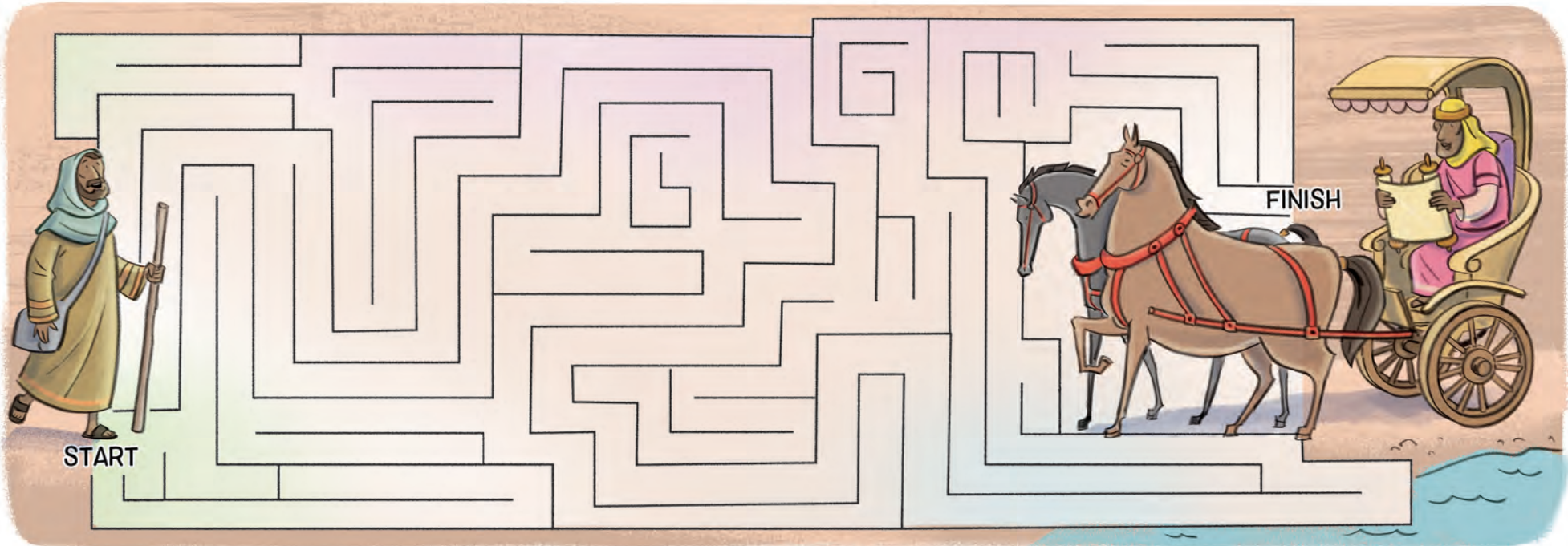
Then the official told the chariot to stop.
He and Philip went down into the water, and Philip
baptized him. The official continued home, and he was very
happy.

Christ Connection: The Ethiopian official knew what the Old Testament prophets said, but he did not understand that they 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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To the Desert | Find the path from Philip to the Ethiopian official on the desert road.



A Greater Understanding

Use the words from the word box to fill in the Christ connection for today's Bible story.

The _____ official knew what the _____ Testament _____ said, but he did not _____ that they spoke about _____. The Holy _____ led _____ to help the official understand the _____ news about Jesus: Jesus _____ on the _____ for our _____ and was _____ from the dead, just like the Old _____ prophets said.

- cross
- Spirit
- prophets
- Jesus
- sins
- good
- understand
- raised
- Philip
- Testament
- died
- Ethiopian
- Old