

The Gospel is For All



Parents' Page

Lesson 5

Teaching the Gospel to an Ethiopian

Your child should understand...

Obedience — Baptism as a part of salvation

Your child should be able to...

1. Identify what Philip taught the Ethiopian man.
2. Tell what the Ethiopian decided to do after listening to Philip.
3. Describe what made Saul finally believe in Jesus.
4. Identify Saul's new name.

Your child should be memorizing...

Acts 10:34-35

"... God treats everyone the same.... He accepts people from every nation. He accepts all who have respect for Him and do what is right."

Please help your child read...

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| 1 | Acts 8:9, 12-24 |
| 2 | Acts 8:26-31, 35-39 |
| 3 | Acts 9:1-6; 8-13, 15-18 |
| 4 | Acts 9:20-25, 27-30 |
| 5 | Acts 9:32-42 |

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On the day Stephen was killed, many people in Jerusalem started trying to hurt the believers who loved and obeyed Jesus. So the believers left the apostles in Jerusalem and went to other places to tell others the good news about Jesus. This was what God wanted so that the believers would spread out and teach the gospel everywhere. Philip went to Samaria to do miracles and preach about Jesus. Many people there believed and were baptized. The apostles Peter and John went to Samaria to make it clear that what was happening was from God.



But then an angel of the Lord told Philip to go to the road that went from Jerusalem to Gaza. God wanted Philip to go there and meet a man from Ethiopia. The man had been to Jerusalem to worship God. Now he was on his way back to Ethiopia. He was reading from the book of Isaiah, but he didn't understand what he was reading. The Holy Spirit told Philip to stay close to the man's chariot. Philip ran up to the man's chariot and asked, "Do you understand what you're reading?"

The man asked Philip to sit in his chariot with him and help him understand what he was reading.

Philip started with the words of Isaiah and talked about Jesus. Philip told him how Jesus had died to save all of us. The man believed that Jesus was the Son of God. They rode along till they came to some water. The man wanted to be baptized so he could be saved. They both went down into the water, and Philip baptized the Ethiopian man. Then home to Ethiopia the man went, full of joy because he had believed and obeyed!

True or False? God sent Philip to teach the Ethiopian man the gospel.

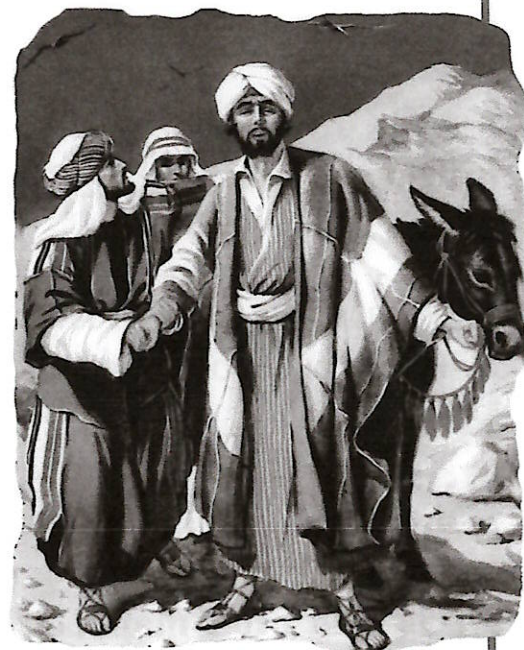
The Ethiopian man believed in Jesus and wanted to be _____.

At that time, Saul, a Jewish man, hated believers and tried to throw all of them in jail. He was happy to help the Jewish rulers by holding their coats as they stoned Stephen. Saul believed that was what God wanted. Saul went everywhere to find and hurt believers. He was on his way to Damascus to drag some believers back to Jerusalem. Suddenly a bright light flashed from the sky. It shone all around Saul. He fell to the ground! A voice called, "Saul, Saul, why are you opposing Me?"

Saul was scared! "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus," said the voice. "Now get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do." When Saul got up, he was blind! His friends led him into Damascus. There Saul prayed for three days. He didn't eat or drink anything.

God sent Ananias, a believer, to find Saul. Ananias was afraid because Saul had been so mean to believers. But Ananias obeyed God and went to the house where Saul was. He put his hands on Saul and talked to him about Jesus. Now Saul could see again! Saul believed in Jesus and wanted to obey Him. Ananias told Saul to be baptized to wash away his sins. Right away, Saul was baptized. He was not mean any more. He began to teach others about Jesus. Later, he changed his name from Saul to Paul.



Peter, John, Philip, and Paul were teaching the gospel to everyone, and the church grew and grew. God's good news about Jesus is so wonderful! God wants us to share it with everyone.

Be ready to tell the class all about how Saul became a believer in Jesus.

Saul later went by the name of _____.

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Memory Verses:

You have **new memory verses**. Practice saying them over and over again with your mother or daddy.

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“... God treats everyone the same.... He accepts people from every nation. He accepts all who have respect for Him and do what is right.”

Sailing Through the Bible Facts

What is the book of **Acts** about?
(The gospel preached and received)

Turn to these Scriptures as fast as you can:
Ezekiel 1:1 Colossians 1:1

On your **Bible map**, put your **thumb** on the region of **Samaria** and put your **pointer finger** on the region of **Galilee**.

