

KIDS DEVOTIONAL AT HOME

For Sunday, May 3, 2020

For your family worship time, we have prepared 4 short activities that you can do together:

1. Kids' worship songs
2. A Bible story from YouTube
3. Questions for discussion and reflection, Prayer
4. Optional: crafts, activities, and songs

Prepare these items before you begin:

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1. Smartphone, tablet, or computer to play the worship songs
2. Scripture Reference: Acts 8:26-40
3. Youtube video: God's Story: Philip and the Ethiopian by Saddleback Kids
4. For the optional crafts and family games
 - Coloring pages
 - Craft
 - Extension Activities

Worship Time

- Death Was Arrested: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsMiluCUUI>
- My Lighthouse: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>
- Jesus is My Best Friend: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IH0Smsxrl>
- Every Move I Make:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY&list=RDMPvnZILn6EY&start_radio=1

Bible Story Discussion & Prayer

Before the video: Lots of people are afraid to speak in front of people. We fear messing up our words, forgetting what we are supposed to say, being embarrassed in some way, or having

someone laughing at what we say. It can cause us to have butterflies in our stomach, sweaty palms, or like we just want to run away.

When it comes to sharing Jesus with someone, you might be excited at the thought or your heart might start to race nervously. It can be scary to talk about Jesus because not everyone is ready to hear it. Sharing about His love could cause judgment and bring up many of those same fears of public speaking: *What if I fumble over my words? What if I don't know enough? What if I embarrass myself?*

In Acts 8, the Holy Spirit prompts Philip to approach the Ethiopian man and share Christ with him. Philip may have had some hesitations internally, but Scripture says that when he heard this command from the Holy Spirit, Philip “ran up” to the man and began to explain God’s Word to him. He did not let fear stop him or his thoughts or worry get in the way.

Philip knew that the power of the Holy Spirit was with him and, because of this, He was able to interpret the Word of God to the Ethiopian man in an easy, understandable way. When the man did not understand the words he was reading, the Holy Spirit used Philip to help the man come to faith in Jesus and ultimately be baptized into God’s family! God can use US to share the gospel in the same way. Even when we are scared or cannot find the words, the Holy Spirit is always there to help guide and speak through us.

Play Video: God’s Story / [Philip and the Ethiopian](#) by Saddleback Kids

Review Philip wasn't a shy man, was he? How many of you would go up to a new kid on the playground and say, "Hey, did you know Jesus loves you?" But that's sort of what Philip did! He introduced himself, he saw what the man was reading and he used it to share the good news of Jesus. Because he did, the gospel was taught to the man from Ethiopia, and that man took the good news back to Africa with him.

Humans are social creatures and we need each other. We love to talk, and we spend a lot of our day talking. Jesus wants us to talk to others about him so that the people we meet can know Jesus too.

Questions for Preschoolers:

1. Who was Philip?
2. How did Philip meet the Ethiopian?

3. What was the Ethiopian reading?
4. What did Philip teach the Ethiopian?
5. What did the Ethiopian want to do after he learned about Jesus?

Questions for older kids:

1. How did Philip use the Old Testament to teach the Ethiopian about Jesus?
2. Whose job is it to tell other people about Jesus?
3. How can we become more “talkative” about our faith?
4. Is there someone who helped lead to Christ?
5. Have you ever shared Jesus with someone? How did they respond?
6. How does the Holy Spirit’s presence give you confidence?

Prayer Dear God, Help us to listen to your voice, to be brave and talk about Jesus, and share his love with others. In Jesus’ name, Amen

Craft/Coloring/Activities:

Listening Obstacle Course

Needed: Parent made Obstacle course, blindfold

INSTRUCTIONS: (We need to listen for God’s voice and the guiding of the Holy Spirit to know when to speak up and what to say)

Lay out the obstacle course outside or in a large area of your house. Choose two players. Have each one stand on opposite sides of the room/yard. Blindfold one of the players.

The player with the blindfold must cross from one side of the room/yard/to the other without stepping on or bumping any of the obstacles. It is the other player’s job to guide them, telling them when to stop, turn, take a big step, take a small step, etc., as they cross the room/yard. If they can successfully navigate the area without stepping on or bumping into an object, they win.

VARIATION: To make this challenge harder, make this a timed, beat the clock contest.

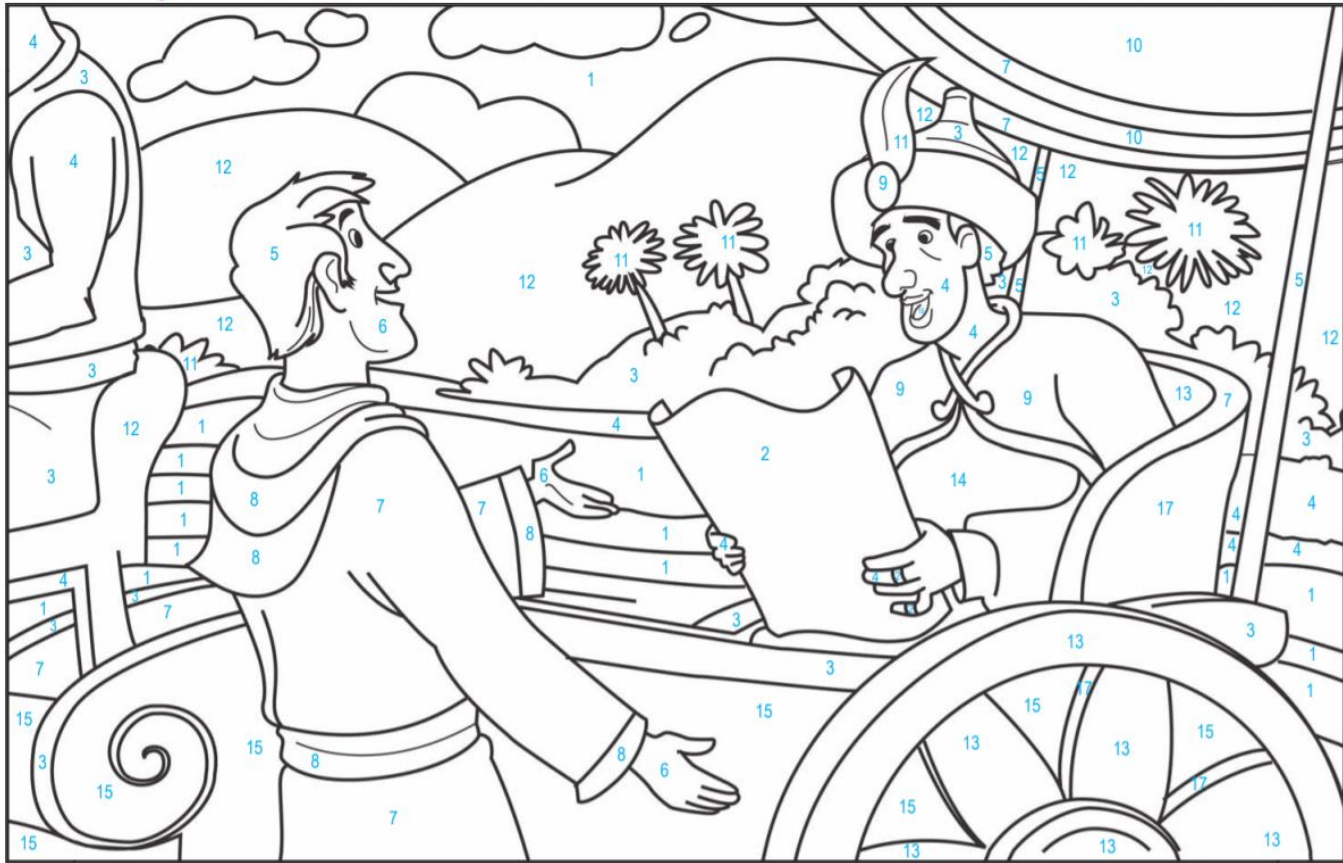
Philip Baptises the Ethiopian Craft

For this project, you will need large plastic, styrofoam, or paper cups, Popsicle sticks, coloring paper below, markers, scissors, and glue. First, ask children to color pictures of Philip and the Ethiopian (or draw their own). Then, help the children cut out the men and glue the Ethiopian man to the Popsicle stick. Next, cut out blue paper and glue to the side of the cup to symbolize the water (or color the cup blue) Next, you will need to cut a slit in the bottom of the cup large enough for the Ethiopian man to slide through. Finally, the children will glue Philip on the side of the upside-down cup. Slide the Ethiopian man through the slit in the cup to represent his baptism in the story.



Philip's Color by Number

Color each section by the colors shown in the list at the bottom of the page. If you don't have all of the colors listed, or find an area that's not numbered, make your best color choice.



1.Lt Blue 2.Yellow 3.Lt Green 4.Brown 5.Dk Brown 6.Tan 7.Purple 8.Dk Blue 9.Red 10.Dk Purple 11.Dk Green 12.Lt Brown 13.Blue 14.Lt Orange 15.Orange 16.Pink 17.Gray