



## **Philip Teaches an Ethiopian Man**

Acts 8:26-40

***There's a true story we can read in the Bible about a man named Philip.  
He loved God and loved telling other people the good news about Jesus!  
One day, an angel appeared to Philip and told him to get ready to go to  
the road that led from Jerusalem through the desert to Gaza.  
(Pronounced: Gah-zuh)***



***On the road, Philip saw an important Ethiopian (pronounced: Ee-thee-Oh-pee-uhn) official who was the treasurer for a queen. The man had gone to Jerusalem to worship but was now on his way home. He was sitting in his chariot reading something that one of God's messengers, named Isaiah, had written down long ago.***

***We can read these same words in our Bibles. But back then, they didn't have Bibles like we have today, so the Ethiopian man was reading from a scroll.***



***God told Philip to go to the chariot and stay near it, so he did! He could hear the man reading from Isaiah and asked him if he understood what he was reading. The official told Philip that he didn't understand and needed someone to explain it to him. Philip was happy to help, so he jumped in the chariot and began to tell the man the good news about Jesus that Isaiah was trying to tell everyone.***



***As they traveled down the road, they came to some water. The official must have believed that what he read was true and that God loved him, because he asked Philip if he could be baptized!***

***When people decide to follow Jesus, they get baptized in water, just like Jesus did! It shows everyone that they want to follow Jesus! When they go under the water, it shows that they believe Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins, and when they come out of the water, it shows they believe God brought Jesus back to life.***

***When the Ethiopian official heard the good news about Jesus, he stopped the chariot, and both of the men went down into the water so Philip could baptize him! That's when something pretty crazy happened! As soon as the Ethiopian official came up out of the water, God's Spirit took Philip away to another town! It was amazing!***

***When we read stories like this from God's Word, it helps us see just how powerful God is and helps us grow in our friendship with Him!***