

## WEEK 2 | YOUNGER ELEMENTARY

**Need to Know:** Read God's Word

**Bible Story:** Philip Teaches an Ethiopian Man

**Bible Reference:** Acts 8:26-40



### CIRCLE UP

#### DO

- Welcome kids to church, and tell them who you are.
- **Sanitize** kids' hands. Spread out the **Animal Cards** in the center of the group. Going around the circle, allow each child to share their name and point to an animal they want to know more about. Read one fact on the back of the Card based on the animal the child chooses.

#### SAY

*There's so much we can get to know about God's creation! Just like we read about these animals, we can read God's Word every day to get to know Him.*

*When we get into the habit of reading our Bibles every day, we grow in our friendship with God. That's what we need to know today, so let me hear you say this after me:*

**Read God's Word** (make book with hands)

### READ THE BIBLE

#### DO

- Have kids get quiet and ready to listen by stretching their arms up like they're reaching for the tallest tree in the forest then slowly putting them down.
- Once kids are comfortable and ready to listen, read the **Bible Story Cards** aloud.

#### SAY

*Reading God's Word changed the Ethiopian man's life in the best way, and it can change our lives, too! Let's think about the two questions we can ask ourselves any time we read God's Word:*

1. *First, what does this story tell us about who God is? Did it show us that God is weak or powerful? (Powerful) God's power was at work in Philip and the official. Reading God's Word shows us things about God, like how powerful He is!*
2. *Second, when we think about this story, what does God want us to do? Does He want us to read His Word every day or read a camping guide every day? (Read His Word every day) God wants us to read the Bible and ask questions when we don't understand, just like the man in the story did!*

## LET'S PRACTICE

### DO & SAY

1. **Sanitize** kids' hands.
2. Spread out the **Creature Cards** in the center of the group, forest side up.
3. Allow each child to take turns tossing a **beanbag** onto a Creature Card to select an animal to guess.
4. Pick up the Card the beanbag lands on without showing the picture, and read the hints on the back. Encourage the child to guess what the animal is. If the child needs help, encourage the group to give their guesses.
5. Continue playing until all of the Creature Card animals have been guessed.
6. Once the game is over, discuss the questions from the **Question Sheet**.
7. Say: *Reading God's Word shows us things about who God is and how much He loves us! That's what we need to know today. Say this after me:*  
**Read God's Word** (make book with hands)

## LET'S PRAY

### SAY

*Hey God! Thank You for showing us that when we read the Bible, You are talking to us and showing us how much You love us. Help us to get into the habit of reading Your Word every day. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## MEMORIZE IT

### SAY & DO

*God loves us and wants us to follow Him. We can follow God by spending time with Him so our friendship with Him grows. There's a verse in the Bible that helps us tell God we want to follow Him. Let's work on remembering it together. Say this after me:*

**"God,** (point up)

**You are my God.** (thumbs to chest)

**I want to follow You."** (walk in place)

**Psalm 63:1** (make book with hands)

Play "Memory Verse Hike" by having kids do actions that they might do on a hike while saying the verse. Some examples include:

- Look for bugs (pretend to have binoculars)
- Step high over logs (high step)
- Climb a tree (pretend to climb)
- Hide from a bear (pretend to hide)
- Tiptoe on rocks to cross a creek (walk on tiptoes in place or in a circle)
- Swim in a lake (pretend to swim)

Place **coloring utensils** in the middle of the group, and give each child a **Coloring Sheet**.