

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN

What would you say if someone asked you who Jesus is?

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Serving Others - The Holy Spirit Builds the Early Church

1. Have you ever felt God was asking you to do something for him, but you didn't know why?
2. God sent Philip to a desert road to meet someone he wasn't expecting. As you listen to the story, think about why God sent Philip out on this road and how God might be putting you in a particular place for a purpose that might not yet be clear.

Memory Verse

"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Acts 8:31

After You Listen

Philip had been preaching about Jesus in Samaria, and many people had put their faith in God and followed him. Then, he was called to a lonely desert road without much reason to go. But the purpose soon became clear. He had the opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus with a person from a long way away. Imagine if Philip hadn't been there to explain to the Ethiopian official who Isaiah was talking about. He might never have understood the truth about Jesus. Because Philip went where God told him to go, the Ethiopian official went on his way rejoicing. Now, imagine all the people the Ethiopian official told about Jesus after Philip had been taken away. You can read the story of Philip and the Ethiopian in [Acts 8:26-40](#).

Want to dig deeper and learn more about God calling his people to share Jesus with others? [Acts 2](#) and [10](#) tell more stories about how the early church shared the message of Jesus with people.

Challenge

What would you say if someone asked you who Jesus is? It is good to think about that question and be prepared to answer. It doesn't have to be a long or deep answer. It can simply explain who Jesus is and what he has done for you.

- Take time to write down how you would answer someone who asked you who Jesus is.
- Read your answer to your parents or a friend and talk together about how you describe who Jesus is.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: Where was Philip preaching before he met the Ethiopian official?

Answer: Samaria

Question 2: Who did the Ethiopian official serve in his home country?

Answer: Candace, the Queen of the Ethiopians

Question 3: What book was the Ethiopian reading where Philip met him?

Answer: Isaiah

Question 4: What did the Ethiopian want to do after he understood who Jesus was?

Answer: He wanted to be baptized.

Question 5: What did Philip do after he was taken away from the Ethiopian?

Answer: He continued preaching about Jesus
