



**Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.**

**Week 11:** October 27, 2024

**Bible Story Point:** The Holy Spirit led Philip to help the Ethiopian official understand the good news about Jesus.

**Key Passage:** He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

**Sunday Night:** (Preschool & Children)

**The Church Spread Out** (Acts 8)

The story of the Ethiopian official's baptism began with an angel giving a command to Philip, an apostle of Jesus Christ. Philip's on-the-spot obedience led him to clarify the Scriptures and point the Ethiopian official to Christ. As a result of Philip's desire to live on mission, the Lord provided an opportunity for the gospel to spread further throughout the world.

In what ways did the context of Acts 8 seem inopportune for spreading God's Word? How did Philip's willingness to be led by the Holy Spirit play a part in this story of practical evangelism?

In the beginning of today's reading, we see the rippling effects of Stephen's stoning (Acts 7). Severe persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all but the apostles scattered while Saul ravaged the church. However, as these believers dispersed, they continued living on mission, preaching the Word of God boldly rather than cowering to their circumstances.

Making his way down the road God chose for him, Philip came across this traveling eunuch who needed someone to explain the meaning of Isaiah 53. Just as we read in Romans 10 that we cannot believe God's truth without hearing or having it preached, the Ethiopian official declared that he needed a guide. While Philip did not know everything about the mysteries of God, he trusted that the Holy Spirit guided him down that desert road with divine purpose.

As you teach on the Lord's faithfulness amidst His people's trials, emphasize the simplicity of this story: a follower of Jesus stepped confidently into a situation where the Lord had gone before him. How can you show your kids that He will do just the same for them today as they share the gospel with others—just as you are relaying His truths to them in this story?

Teach kids that all who hear the good news of Jesus Christ and believe in Him are welcomed into God's kingdom. Like Philip, may we trust and obey the leading of the Holy Spirit for the sake of making the gospel known to others.

- Where was Philip headed? To Gaza to share the Gospel
- As Philip traveled who did the Spirit lead him to? An Ethiopian Official
- What was the Ethiopian reading? The book of Isaiah
- When the Ethiopian believed, what did he want to do? To be Baptized
- What was important about this situation? Philip obeyed the Holy Spirit to talk to the Ethiopian
- How can you receive a call from the Holy Spirit? Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to someone.
- What story about your relationship with Jesus do you have to share this week?

**Practice:** Say (Memorize) Key passage

**Pray:** Thank God for giving you purpose in His great work to share the good news. Ask God to give you a heart for others to hear the gospel and be saved.

**Wednesday Night, October 30**

**Cubbies** – Bear Hug 9 “But I trust in You, O Lord: I say, “You are my God.” Psalm 31:14

**Sparks:**

**Hang Glider** – Psalm 118:1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good...

**Wing Runner** – Jeremiah 32:27, Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me? AND Leviticus 19:2, you shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

**Sky Stormer** – John 1:1-3, In the Beginning was the Word [Jesus Christ], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He [Jesus Christ] was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

**T & T's** – 2.2 The Bible helps us to know God

John 20:31, But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

**Saturday Night:** (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, October 20

**Jesus Suffered For Us** (Philippians 2)

- Who wrote the book of Philippians? Paul
- Who humbled Himself and how? Jesus, came to earth and died on the cross.
- How did Paul tell us to live, verse 3? Humble ourselves and acknowledge others more important than yourself.
- What are we to be to the world? A light.

**Upcoming Activities:**

October 28	Mom's Bible Study @9AM Childcare Provided
October 31	<b>NO—Pickle Ball and Walking 6-8PM (Gym &amp; Track)</b>
October 31	Trunk N Treat 6 to 7:30PM
November 5	Go Vote
November 17	Church-wide Fellowship Noon
November 28	Thanksgiving
December 1	<b>Preschoolers &amp; Kids singing in both services.</b> Hope—Christmas List to serve in Community
December 8	Peace—Pass on peace to our Community
December 14	Christmas in the Park (Acton Place Park—Kids sing at celebration 4PM) Christmas Party Childcare 5pm to 9pm
December 15	Joy—Share the gift of Joy—Kids will pass out cookies during Community Time
December 22	Love—Love your neighbor—Christmas Cards Caroling in nearby Assisted and Nursing Homes Meet at Church 4PM

