

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU

BIG IDEA

Philip, an early missionary to non-Jews, witnessed to the treasurer of Queen Candace of Ethiopia. The man trusted in Christ and became the first Christian convert from the continent of Africa.

KEY VERSES

Acts 8:26-40

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 8:35

“Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE SKIT

- Cast: 4-6 people. Narrator #1, Narrator #2, Angel, Holy Spirit, Treasurer, Philip
- Props: Cowboy hat optional

GAME

- Balloons

CRAFT

- Cardboard pre-cut aprox. 8x10 inches, one per child
- Natural fiber rope, approx. 3 ft per child
- Glue (Elmers type)

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



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TIP

The Treasurer's character talks and acts like a cowboy in this skit.

Position the Angel and the Holy Spirit on the left side of the stage, the Narrators in the center, and the Treasurer and Philip on the right side of the stage.

SCRIPT

Narrator #2: A man named Philip was a leader in the early Christian church.

Narrator #1: He handed out food!

Narrator #2: He was full of wisdom and of the Holy Spirit.

Narrator #1: Awesome.

Narrator #2: He could also do miracles.

Narrator #1: Funky.

Narrator #2: One day, he heard an angel of the Lord speak to him,

Angel: Philip, oh, Philip! Listen to me!

Philip: Yeah?

Angel: Go to the desert! The desert. The desert! Go to the desert road!

Philip: Did you say the desert? The desert? The desert? Did you say the desert road?

Angel: Yes, the desert! Go to the desert. Go to the desert road!

Philip: Okay.

Angel: Thank you!

Narrator #1: So Philip went to the desert road.

Angel: Cool.

Narrator #2: And when he got there, God's Spirit spoke to him:

Holy Spirit: Philip, oh, Philip! Oh, listen to me!

Philip: Yeah?

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Holy Spirit: Go to the chariot! The chariot! The chariot! Go to the chariot, there!

Philip: Okay.

Holy Spirit: Thank you.

Narrator #1: So Philip went to the chariot.

Holy Spirit: Cool.

Narrator #1: Then Philip heard another voice...

Narrator #2: ...but it didn't tell him to go anywhere.

Narrator #1: It didn't even come from God...

Narrator #2: ...or an angel.

Narrator #1: It came from a man...

Narrator #2: ...who was riding on a chariot.

Treasurer: (Yelling like a cowboy) Yeehaw!

Narrator #2: He was in charge of all the treasures of Queen Candace of Ethiopia!

Narrator #1: And the guy was reading from his Bible, aloud.

Treasurer: (Talking like a cowboy) "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.... For his life was taken from the earth." (See Isaiah 53:7, 8)

Philip: Hello there!

Treasurer: Howdy, pardner!

Philip: Do you understand all that stuff you're reading?

Treasurer: Well how can I, unless you teach me? C'mon up here!

Philip: Cool.

Narrator #2: So Philip climbed up into the chariot with the man from Africa.

Narrator #1: And, starting with the stuff the guy was reading, Philip explained the Bible to him.

Treasurer: Who's this lamb that Isaiah is writin' about?

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Philip: Jesus.

Treasurer: Aha!

Philip: He was killed and he didn't complain.

Treasurer: Whoa, Bessie!

Philip: Life was taken from him, so that he could give new life to us!

Treasurer: That's what I call a Cool Cowpoke!

Philip: To save us from our sins!

Treasurer: (Yelling like a cowboy) Yeehaw!

Philip: Do you believe that?

Treasurer: Why, yes I do! Jesus is the Savior!

Philip: Cool.

Treasurer: Hey. Look over there! See that lake?

Philip: Yup.

Treasurer: Well, pardner! What's say I get baptized!

Philip: Let's go!

Narrator #2: So they stopped the chariot and climbed off. They walked into the water, and Philip baptized his new friend.

Treasurer: (Yelling like a cowboy) Yeehaw!

Narrator #1: Then God took Philip to another town to tell more people about Jesus.

Holy Spirit: It's time to go. To go! To go! It's time to go away!

Philip: Did you say go? It's time to go? It's time to go away?

Holy Spirit: Yes, it's time. It's time to go! It's time to go away!

Philip: Okay.

Holy Spirit: Thank you!

Narrator #1: So the Spirit took him away.

Philip: (Like you're flying through the air off stage) Aaaaaaahh!

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Holy Spirit: Cool.

Narrator #1: And the man from Africa returned home with a heart full of joy...

Treasurer: (Yelling like a cowboy) Yeehaw!

Narrator #2: ...and a message full of hop.

Treasurer: Jesus is the Savior, yahoooo!

Narrator #1: And Philip went wherever the Spirit led him, telling more and more people the good news.

Everyone: (together) The end...YEEHAW!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- This story is full of miracles, how many can you name? (The Angel talking to Philip, the Holy Spirit talking to Philip, the arrival of Philip at the exact time the Treasurer was reading about Jesus, the Spirit taking Philip away)
- This story is a good reminder that God knows where we are in our faith. He knows what we understand and don't understand. When we try to keep learning He will help us to understand.
- Are there things you don't understand about being a Christian?
- Where can you find answers to your questions?

SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- Tell the account of Philip teaching the gospel to the Ethiopian in simple story form or read it from a children's bible.
- Ask 2-3 of the simpler discussion questions.

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CRAFT

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• CRAFT •

OBJECTIVE: ROPE ART

Make a design using rope

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

DIRECTIONS

- Use rope to create child's first initial or any other design.
- Cut rope if needed
- Glue rope to cardboard
- Punch a hole in the top of the cardboard so the craft can be hung (optional)

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Cardboard pre-cut approx. 8x10 inches, one per child
- Natural fiber rope, approx. 3 ft per child
- Glue (Elemer's type)

EXAMPLE

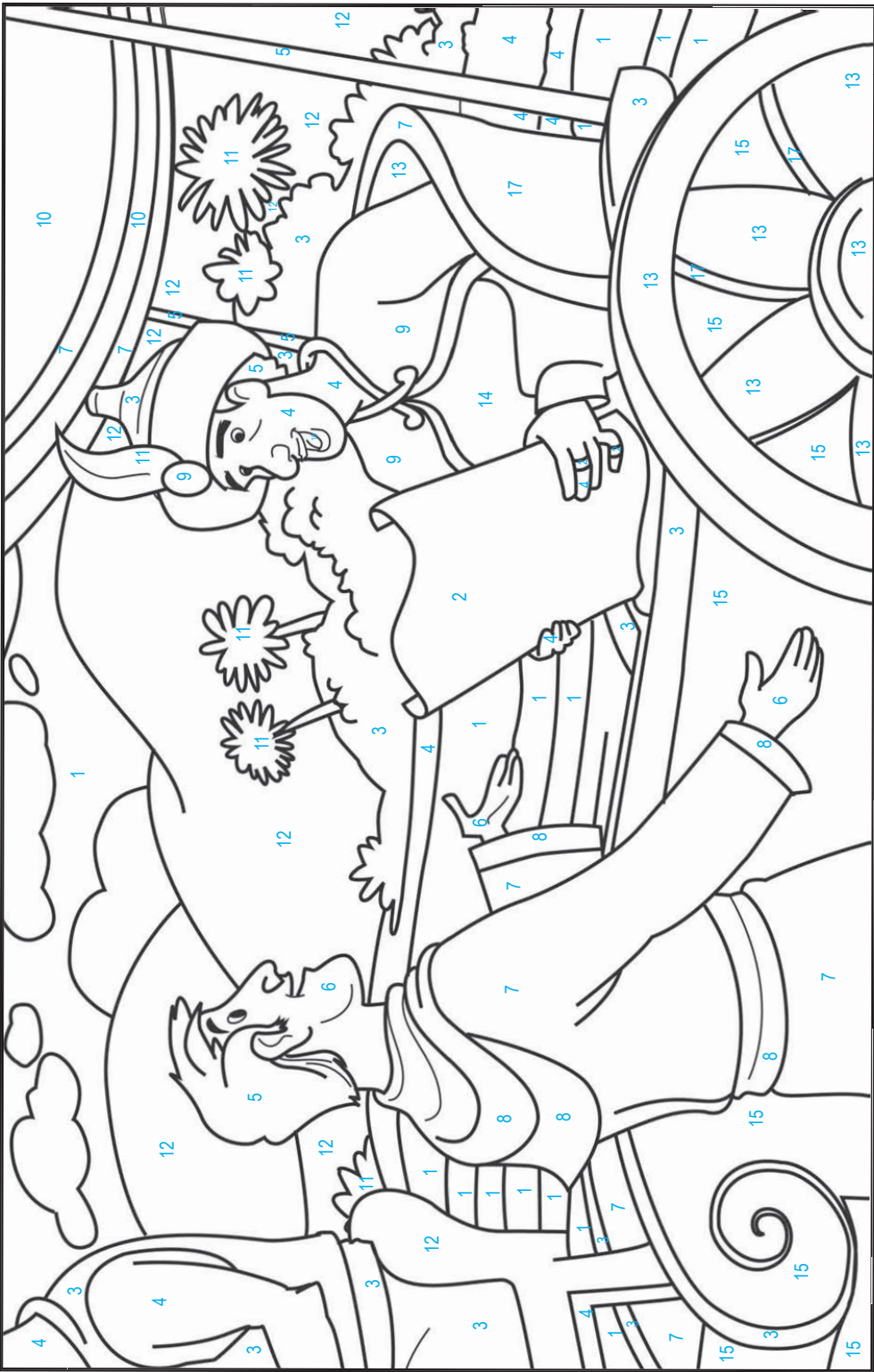


SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Use thick yarn instead of rope
- Use colorful ribbon instead of rope

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.

Philip's Color by Number



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
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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: BALLOON GAMES

Kids play “hot potato” with a balloon in one game and chase balloons as they deflate in a second game

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Balloons
- Music (by radio, guitar or sung)

DIRECTIONS FOR BALLOON HOT POTATO

- This balloon game works just like the "hot potato" game, but you'll use a balloon instead. With music playing in the background players pass the balloon back and forth. Any player that purposely passes the balloon badly is out. Whoever is stuck holding the balloon when the music ends is out. Keep playing until there is only one person standing.

DIRECTIONS FOR BALLOON WIGGLE

- Blow up one balloon, but DO NOT tie it closed. Have the children line up and release the balloon. It will wiggle wildly through the air. The children can try to catch the balloon as it wiggles, and if someone catches it, they win.
- Optional ideas: divide the kids into smaller teams. One team member blows and releases balloons to his team. Or have several mission team members blow and release balloons at the same time so there are many balloons to chase.

