

BIBLE STORY

I Need to Know
Philip and the Man from
Ethiopia
Acts 8:26-40

MEMORY VERSE

*Let us not become
tired of doing good.
At the right time we
will gather a crop if
we don't give up.*
Galatians 6:9

LIFE APP

Determination
Deciding it's worth it
to finish what you
started

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when
you have questions.

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise
choice.

ACTIVITY: HOPSCOTCH HOLDUP

What You Need: Construction paper, markers, painter's tape, a die (from a board game)

What You Do:

- Enlist kids' help in setting up the activity:
 - Use the construction paper and tape to create two hopscotch paths.
 - For both paths, draw a question mark on three different pages.
- Divide your family into two teams and instruct them to line up behind the two hopscotch paths.
- Give the first person in each line a die.
- The first person in line rolls the die, which will tell them how many spaces they should hop. (The spots with two squares next to each other count as two spaces.)
- Whenever kids land on a "?" spot, ask them a story review question (below).
- During each kid's turn, they continue rolling the die until they reach the end of the hopscotch path.
- Then it's the next kid's turn.
- Whichever team gets all members through the path first wins!
- If you run out of questions, repeat the questions below or make up some of your own!

Review Questions:

1. Who appeared to Philip in the middle of him telling people about Jesus? (*an angel of the Lord*)
2. What did the angel tell him to do? (*to leave and go to the desert road that led to Gaza*)
3. Who did Philip encounter while traveling on the desert road? (*an Ethiopian official*)
4. What was the man doing? (*he had traveled to worship God in the temple and was trying to read Scripture*)
5. What did God tell Philip to do? (*go to the chariot*)
6. And what did Philip do after he realized the Ethiopian official needed help understanding the Scripture? (*he told the man about Jesus*)
7. What big decision did the Ethiopian official make after learning all about Jesus? (*he got baptized*)
8. What happened to Philip after the man was baptized? (*God's Spirit took him away so he could continue telling people about Jesus*)



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GOSPEL MOMENT

The royal official in the story was reading words from Isaiah. Isaiah was a prophet who lived hundreds of years before Jesus was even born. God gave Isaiah a message that foretold a Savior who would come and make a way for us to be forgiven.

Eventually, the promises God gave through Isaiah came true. God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth, and Jesus lived a perfect life. Even though He didn't do anything wrong, He was arrested, put on trial, lied about, and then killed. He willingly died for us so we could have a relationship with God that will last forever!

"The royal official didn't understand what he was reading. But he didn't give up. He asked Philip to help him understand. Like the royal official, we don't have to be afraid to ask questions about God. If you don't understand something you heard or something you've read in the Bible, ask someone. Your Small Group Leader is a great person to ask! They can help you learn more about God as you get to know Him better and better. And remember, sometimes we might have a question, but we can't find the answer. That's okay! Even when the answers don't come easily, we can keep going and keep **[Basic Truth] making the wise choice.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Why is it important to ask questions?
- 2) What happens if we don't understand and we don't ask questions?
- 3) When is it hard to ask questions?

PRAYER

Dear God, we thank You so much for giving us the ability to have determination and keep going. I want to ask you to help all of us to keep going even when we have questions. We love You so much, God. Amen.