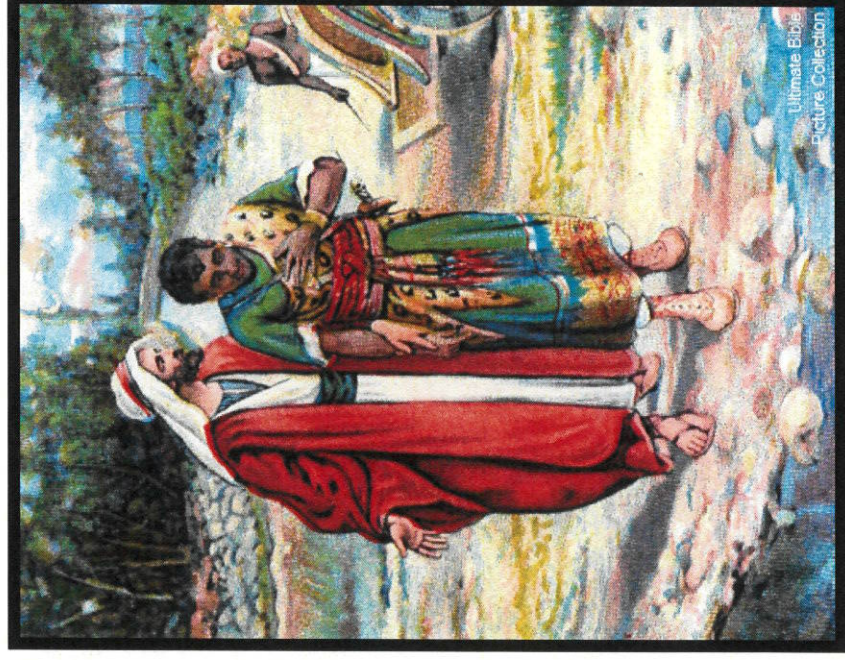


This week we are learning about

Philip and the Ethiopian!



READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Philip and the Ethiopian

from Acts 8:26-40.

Let's spread the good news!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Ethiopian (Man from Ethiopia)
- Prophet Isaiah
- Chariot
- Baptism
- Philip

The prophecies of Isaiah are found in the Book of Isaiah in the Old Testament. Isaiah lived hundreds of years before Jesus, but Jesus knew Isaiah's prophecies very well.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 510-513

Spark Bible pages 1213-1214

Family Prayer

Dear God, help us to know when and how to tell other people the good news about Jesus.

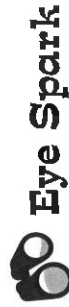
AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



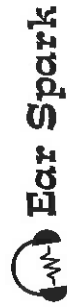
Family Conversations

- 1 If you were going to tell someone the good news about Jesus, what would you tell them?
- 2 The Ethiopian was baptized when he was an adult. When were you baptized?
- 3 What makes news "good?" Is some good news better than others?
- 4 Make a list of stories about Jesus from your favorite children's Bible. Put each one on a slip of paper and take turns drawing the stories out of a hat. Tell or read whichever story you draw.



Eye Spark

Whenever you see a Bible, read some! (Place your Bible where you will be SURE to see it!)



Ear Spark

Whenever you hear water running or splashing, imagine what it would be like to be baptized in that water.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Tell each other the good news stories of baptisms in your family. Place a beautiful bowl of water somewhere in your home where everyone can dip their fingers in and touch it to their heart or head to remind themselves of their baptism and their role in sharing the good news.

For younger kids

Volunteer to pass out invitations to worship or an event at your church where people can hear the good news.

For older kids

Find pictures and video footage of a variety of baptisms on the internet. What do they have in common? What varies?



Letter to Someone I Love

Draw a picture of someone you could tell about Jesus and put it in the envelope.

Attach envelope here

The Word of Jesus Spreads

Color in the name of Jesus using markers.
USE LOTS OF COLORS.

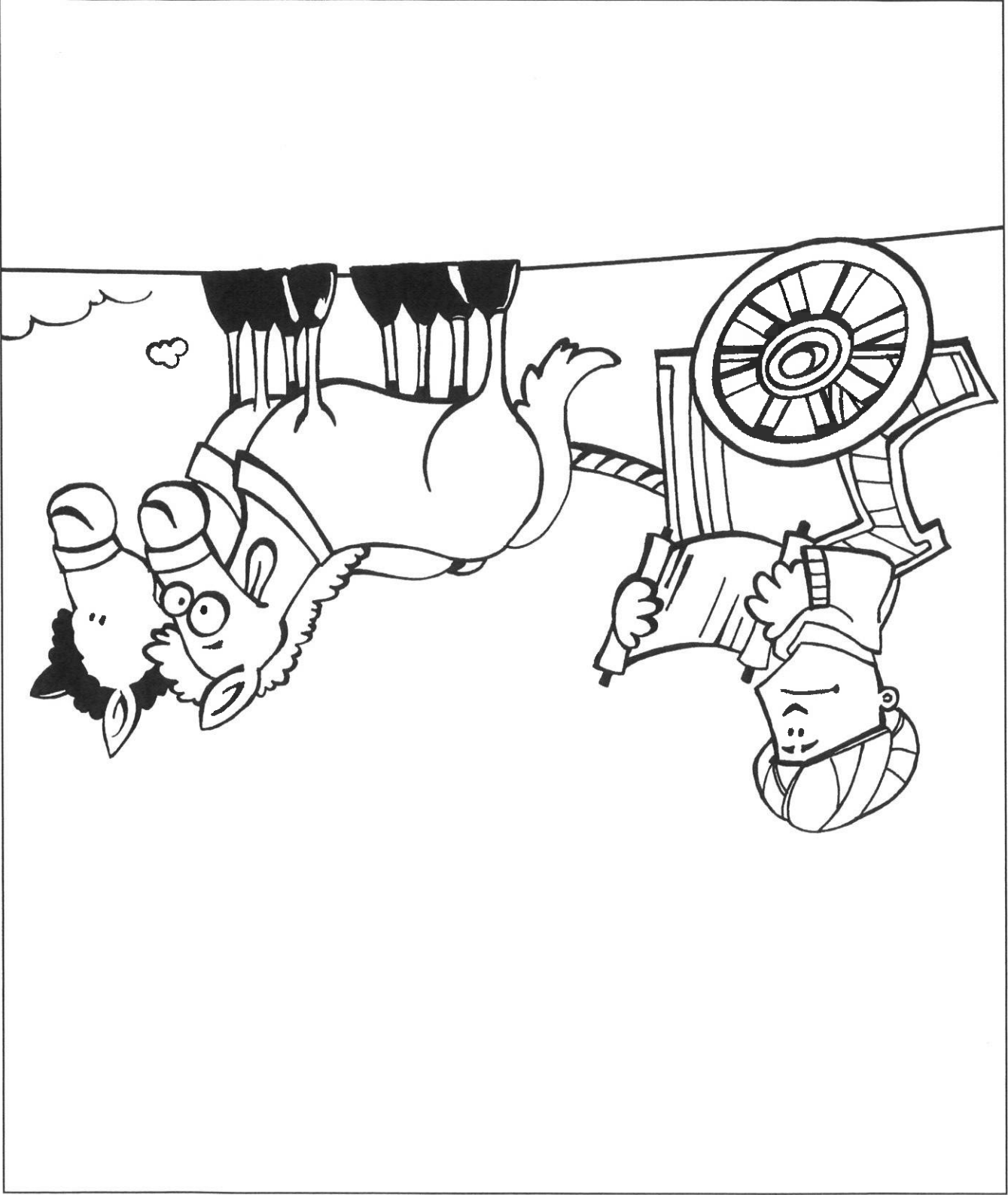
JESUS



FAITHonthe**GO!**

Call a friend and sing to them the song,
"Jesus Loves Me." Change the last line to
"And he loves you too!" to tell of Jesus' love!

Philip and the Ethiopian



One of the horses was tired so the chariot had stopped.

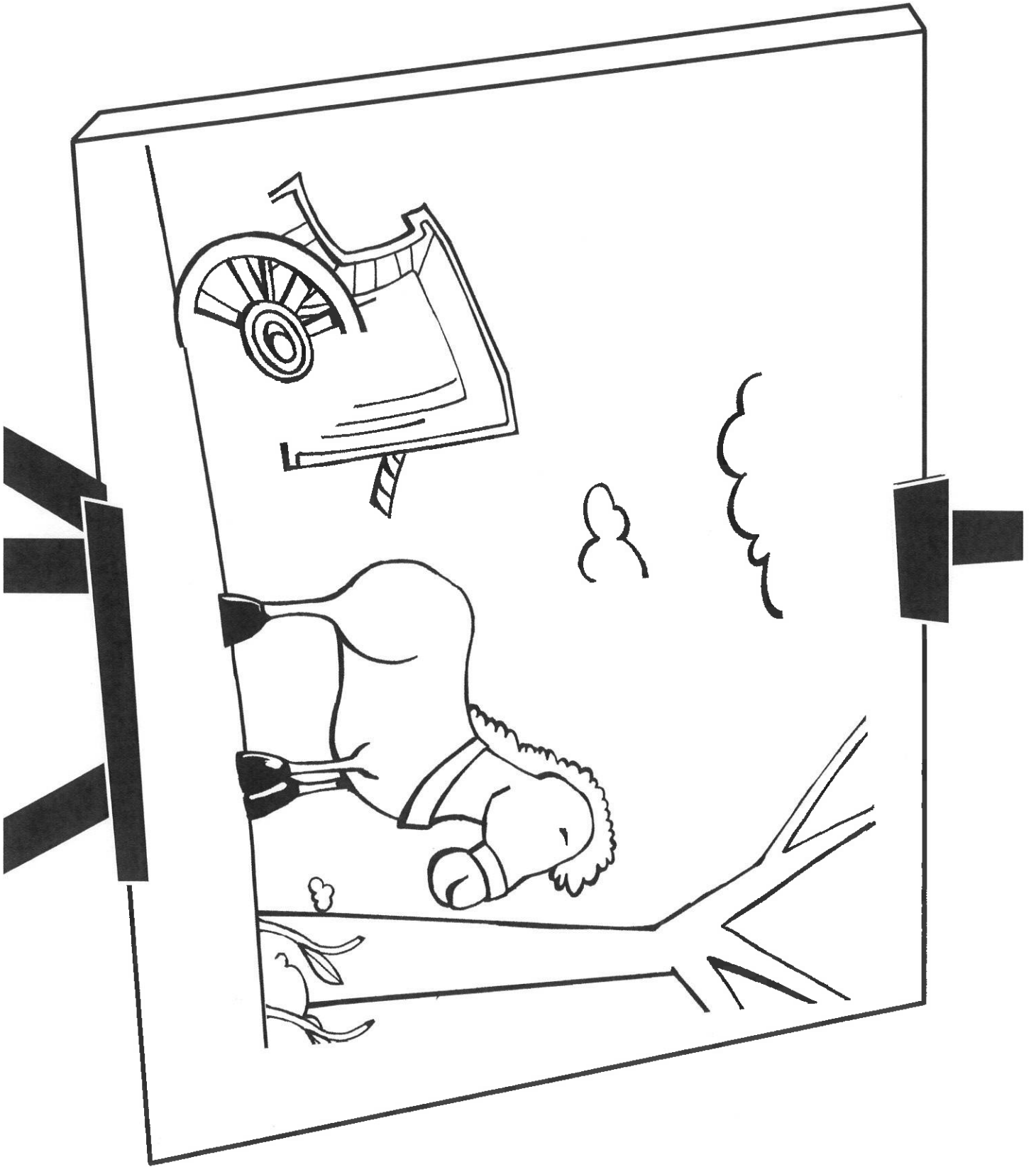
The Ethiopian man was so amazed that he wanted to be baptized.



Philip and the Ethiopian

Chariot Art

An artist was working on a picture of a chariot and horse. Before it was complete, she went off to do something else. Can you complete it for her?



Philip and the Ethiopian



Acts 8:26-40

We can all share the good news.



I wonder...

- When am I like the Ethiopian and when am I like Philip.
- How Philip reacted to the angel.
- Where God will use me today.



Meet Ben. He's in fourth grade and would rather do anything than his homework. He does well in most subjects. Science? No problem. English? No problem. Math? Yes problem. Big problem. Problem problem. Problem. And today he's sick of this math stuff. Normally after school he'd watch a little TV, play with his dog, and wait for his dad to come home and help with his homework. But today he heard that there are high school tutors at the library from 4 to 6. So that's where he's headed. He has the textbook. He can read the numbers. He just needs someone to explain it all to him. Maybe today a tutor will help him understand it. Meet Gwen. She's a junior in high school and she's crazy smart. Normally she would spend her afternoons studying with the Mathlete team. Smart pants. But the Mathlete coach is on maternity leave until next semester. That left her wondering what she'd do with her afternoons. Then she spotted this poster in the library that said:

Tutors Wanted. Everybody Welcome. Especially Mathematicians.

This is perfect! Gwen grabbed her favorite calculator, sharpened her finest #2 pencils, grabbed her protractor, and was out the door. Her only question was, will anybody show up for help?



Math Problem

Search for the Answer

Connect the questions with the Bible verse that contains the answer. Then write the answer by the verse.

The Ethiopian was in charge of this

Acts 8:30

The Ethiopian was reading from this book of the Bible

Acts 8:38

Phillip shared this with the Ethiopian

Acts 8:27

Phillip did this to the Ethiopian

Acts 8:35

Look it up!



Memory Verse



The Ethiopian was reading Isaiah 53:1-8. Put a sticker by these verses in your Bible.

Then Phillip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

Acts 8:35

Fun Facts

The **road** from Jerusalem to Gaza was about 50 miles (80 km) long.

The Ethiopian was the first known **evangelist** to Africa.

Chariots were pulled by two, three, and sometimes four horses.

Because of his important job, the Ethiopian was **not allowed** to have a family.

Philip ended up in **Caesarea** for the next 20 years.

In Philip's day it was common to **read out loud**, even in public.

Drawing Conclusions

Just because we understand something doesn't mean we know how to share it. This game will test your communication and comprehension skills. Grab a pencil and a partner and listen to your leader's instructions.

cut here

One way to share the good news:

Learn how your congregation supports missionary work.
Tell today's story to a family member in your own words.
Find out three ways your congregation actively shares the

good news in your community.

Memorize a Bible verse you can share with a friend.

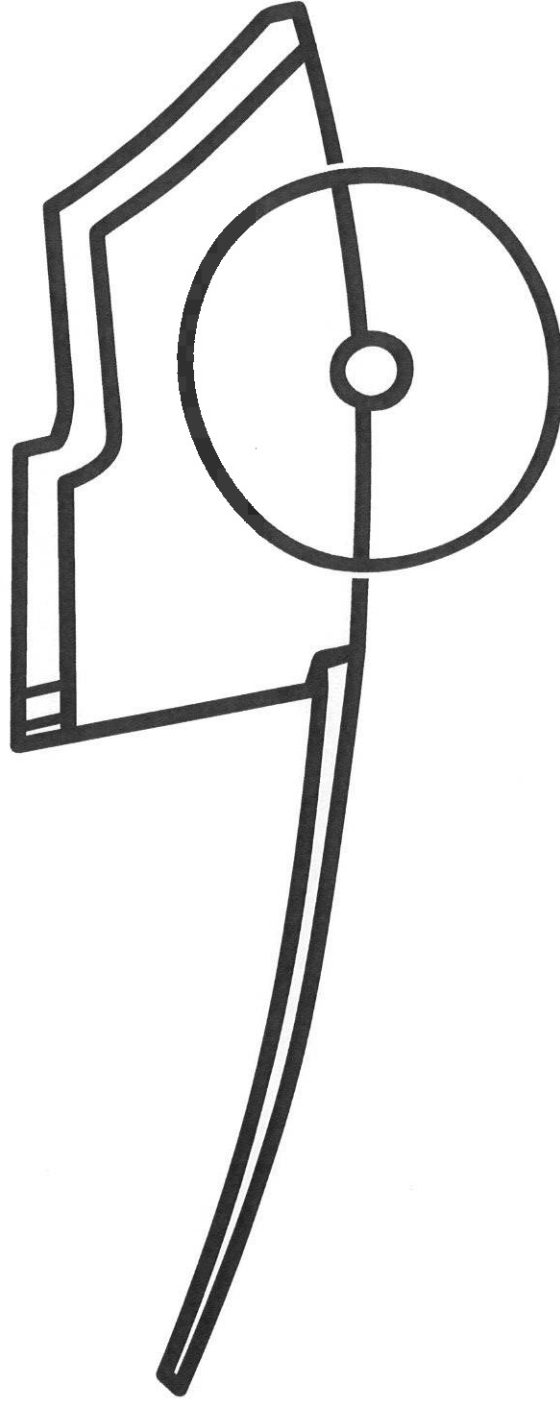
Tie a ribbon to the zipper on your book bag. Each time you pull the ribbon, pray, "God, work through me to open hearts to your good news."



Scribe: Ask what to draw and where it goes.

Describer: Use words that describe shapes and lines.

Ultimate Chariot Design



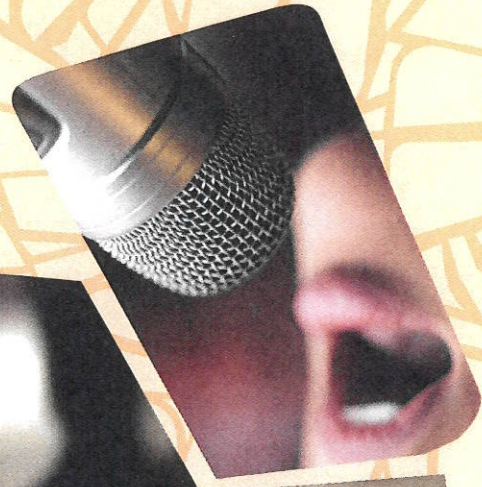
You're off to tell others about Jesus in a custom built chariot. The basics are provided, but it's your job to put in all the extras. How many horses? Bible holders? Cup holders? Room for traveling evangelists?

Philip and the Ethiopian

Acts 8:26-40



Friends help friends
know **God.**



When is the
right time to be
a good friend?

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Emma



As he pulled out lunch money

from his backpack, David noticed a girl standing near the cafeteria wall. She seemed scared and confused. She was standing still as kids rushed by her to the lunch line. David walked up to her, "Are you okay? Do you need help?" he asked. She looked at him with wide eyes. Then she opened her mouth and words came out that David had never heard before. She saw the surprise on his face and quickly pulled a notepad out of her bag. In big letters, she wrote, "EMMA."

How does the story end? You decide!

Code Breaker

Can you crack this code? Each number stands for a missing letter of the alphabet. (Hint: A=1, B=2,...)

23 1 9 20 1 14 4 19 5 5

The Bible has been translated into over 2,400 languages!

Did you know?

What if you were a country?
 What would your flag tell
 people about you? Create
 your own flag in this space!



South Africa



Brazil



Russia



United Arab Emirates



Germany



South Korea



United States



Canada



Nations have flags to show what they're all about. Can you match these flags to their countries?

Let Your Flag Fly

Follow these clues to find out what the Ethiopian is reading:

Clue #1: You don't have to go far. The book might be in your hands. See the "O.T." to try and understand!

Clue #2: Go backward from "haisi" before it's much too late. The book our friend is reading is named for someone great!

Clue #3: In chapter 53 somewhere near the 7th verse you'll find what you seek. It could be a lot worse!

Look at your Bible map on page M16. See if you can find the city of Jerusalem, and then look for Gaza. If you were the Ethiopian, what route would you take? Draw it on your map, and write "Acts 8" next to it to remind you of this story.

Treasure's Hunt

Look it up!

Baptism-Watch!

Does your church ever have baptisms as a part of worship? Check with your church office or pastor to find out when the next baptism is. Work with your friends to make a card to give to the family of the person being baptized! Maybe it can say, "Welcome to God's family!"



Faith on the Go!

Sometimes the waiting is the hardest part! Help pass the time by making your own sundial. With your parents' help, do a web search for "make your own sundial." It's easy to find instructions on how you can make a time-teller of your very own!

Memory Verse



Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized? Acts 8:36



Unscrambling Africa

The Ethiopian official returned to his country and is known as the first evangelist in Africa. Find Ethiopia and other countries in Africa and the Middle East on this map by unscrambling the letters.



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