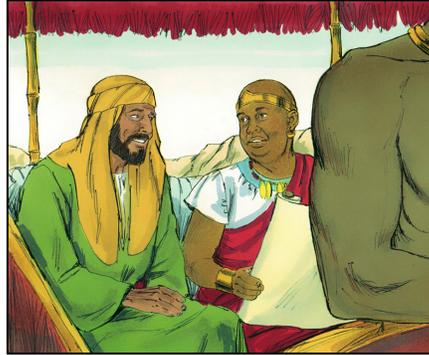


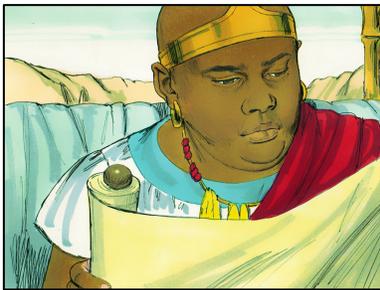
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### Lesson #5: THE ETHIOPIAN MAN LEARNS TO TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS (Acts 8:4-5, 26-40)

The Bible says that Christians were excited to tell other people the good news about Jesus.

A disciple named Philip wanted to help other people to trust and follow Jesus too. An angel came to Philip and told him to go to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza. So, he did just as the angel directed.

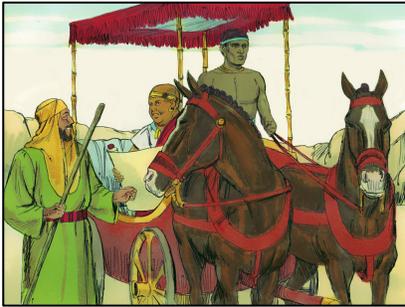


When Philip arrived at the road, he saw an important looking man riding in a chariot. The man was from Ethiopia, a very rich and powerful country. The man was an important official in charge of all of the Queen's treasures. He was on his way home after going to Jerusalem to worship at the temple.

He was reading from a scroll that had the words of the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah had lived hundreds of years before that. God had told Isaiah to write that *Someone is coming to save the whole world*. Isaiah said that this *Someone* would be like a lamb that was sacrificed.

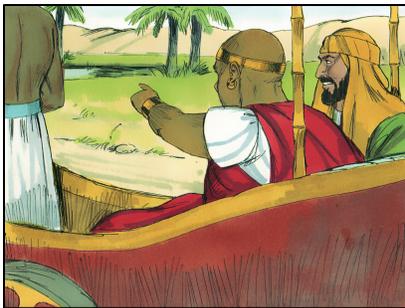
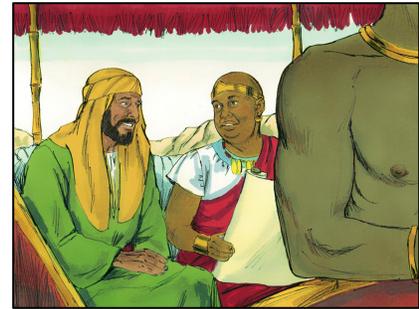
The Ethiopian man was reading Isaiah's words, but he did not know what they meant.





The Holy Spirit told Philip to go up to the chariot. So, Philip ran up to it. Philip asked the Ethiopian, “Do you understand what you are reading?” The man had many questions and asked Philip to help him understand.

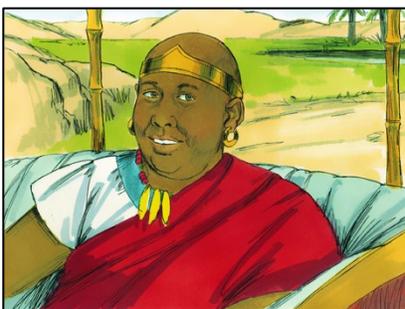
Philip began to explain it to him. Philip explained that Jesus was sacrificed on the cross. Jesus was the “Lamb of God” who was sacrificed to take away our sins. The man must have thought, “Oh, I see. Now I understand what Isaiah was talking about.” The Ethiopian was so happy to hear the Good News of Jesus. He wanted to have his sins forgiven so that he could be a disciple of Jesus.



When the chariot passed near some water, the Ethiopian said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?”

The Ethiopian ordered the chariot to stop and both he and Philip went down into to the water. Philip baptized him.

As soon as they came up out of the water the Holy Spirit took Philip away. Later he went to another town to teach people about Jesus.



The Bible says that the Ethiopian man “went on his way rejoicing.” He had learned to trust and follow Jesus! **He was a new disciple, forgiven of all his sins.** He was so happy to be a Christian!

How can you be like Philip? How can you be like the Ethiopian man?



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# PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN

Read Acts 8:26-40. Match the question with the answer on the right.

## Questions

- \_\_\_ What did the Angel of God say to Philip?
- \_\_\_ Who did Philip meet on the road?
- \_\_\_ Why had the Ethiopian visited Jerusalem?
- \_\_\_ What was the Ethiopians job?
- \_\_\_ What type of transport was the Ethiopian using?
- \_\_\_ What did the Holy Spirit tell Philip?
- \_\_\_ What scriptures was the Ethiopian reading?
- \_\_\_ Who did Philip explain the scriptures were speaking about?
- \_\_\_ When they came to some water, what did the Ethiopian want to do?
- \_\_\_ After the Ethiopian was baptized, what happened to Philip?

## Answers

1. The Spirit of God carried Philip away
2. To worship
4. A court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians
4. A chariot
5. Isaiah the prophet
6. Yeshua the Messiah
7. Immerse himself in the water
8. Get ready and go south on the road that leads to Gaza from Jerusalem
9. Go to that chariot and stay near it
10. A man from Ethiopia



**THINK & TALK ABOUT THIS:**  
**How can I be like Philip?**  
**How can I be like the Ethiopian**



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