

**Philip Tells a Stranger About Jesus**  
*(tell those who are different from you about Jesus)*  
**Acts 8:5-6, 26-38**

When Jesus went back to Heaven, He gave His disciples something important to do. Jesus told them to tell everyone about Him. Philip was a disciple who obeyed Jesus and told others the Good News. Philip was happy because Jesus was his Savior. He wanted everyone he met to know and love Jesus like he did.

Philip told many people in his own country about Jesus. And you know what? The people listened and believed that Jesus, the Son of God came so they could become followers of Jesus. Then he went from town to town in a nearby country telling people how to be saved from punishment for their sins.

Philip was happy because many people believed in Jesus and the people were happy too. A missionary is someone who tells others about Jesus. This would make Philip one of the first missionaries!

Philip was very surprised when one day God sent an angel to him. The angel said, "Philip, go to the road that leads to the desert." The angel did not say why God wanted him to go there. Philip knew there were no towns or houses or people living along the road. But Philip obeyed the angel and started down the desert road. Just like he expected, there was no one in sight but Philip kept walking down the desert road anyway.

As Philip walked, he heard a sound. It sounded like a chariot and soon down the road, Philip could see a chariot in the distance. The chariot was moving slowly and as it came closer, Philip could see a man from another country – a stranger – in the chariot reading a scroll. The man looked like a very important man. His clothes were nice, and his chariot was brightly colored.

Just then, God spoke to Philip, "Go near his chariot." Philip obeyed God at once and ran up close to the beautiful chariot. Philip could hear the stranger reading out loud from the scroll book he was holding. The man was reading part of God's Word. But Philip saw that he was frowning as he read, and his forehead was wrinkled up like he did not understand what he was reading. Philip asked him, "Do you understand what you are reading?" "No," the man said. "How can I unless someone helps me. Please come and sit in my chariot and tell me about these words.

Then Philip knew why God had sent him to the desert road. He was to tell this stranger about Jesus. He climbed up into the chariot and read the scroll book with the man. Philip explained to the man that Jesus died on the cross for his sins. He did so because He loves everyone. Philip told the man that Jesus was the Son of God, who came to earth as a tiny baby, to grow up and die for the sins of everyone. Philip told the man that if he would believe in Jesus as his Savior, God would forgive his sins.

The stranger wanted to obey God's Word. "I believe that Jesus is the Son of God" he said. Philip was very happy because now the man could go back to his own country and tell everyone there about Jesus.

Philip told someone who was from another country, a stranger, about Jesus. The stranger in the chariot did not have the same color of skin as Philip but Jesus loves everyone. Everyone should know that Jesus is the Good News – that He came to die for the sins of everyone in the world! We can tell everyone about Jesus like Philip.

**Bible Verse:**

Go home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you. Mark 5:19 (NKJ)

**Philip tells the good news about Jesus to an Ethiopian man.**

Acts 8:26-40



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**Philip and the Stranger Puppets**

- Materials: \*Scenery Master                      \*Puppets Master (*Below*)  
                  \*Markers or watercolors        \*Craft stick (small)

Cut out one puppet per child and cut the slit in each scene. The children will color their scene and their puppet. Help them tape their puppet to the craft stick and show them how to put Philip and the stranger under the water. Review the story and let the children help you tell it.



**Philip and the Stranger Chariot**

- Materials:        \*two masters (chariot and figures) copied on to cardstock – one set per child  
                  \*Crayons or markers                      \*Toilet tissue tubes (optional)  
                  \*Tape                      \*Hole punch        \*Yarn

Make one copy of the master for each child. Cut out one set of puppets and the chariot for each child. The children will color the puppets and chariot. Help the children attach the puppets to toilet tissue tubes or just roll and tape. Then help them fold their chariots and tape together. Attach yarn so the children can pull their chariots along the floor or tabletop. Review the story as they work and play with their chariots and puppet figures.







