

# Philip and the Ethiopian Lesson Plans

## Computers:

Have kids log into SunScool software (already loaded on computers). Kids will go to level 3 to the lesson title "Prepared to Listen: The Lord's Servants."

The program will take kids through segments of the Bible story, games, and other life application features.



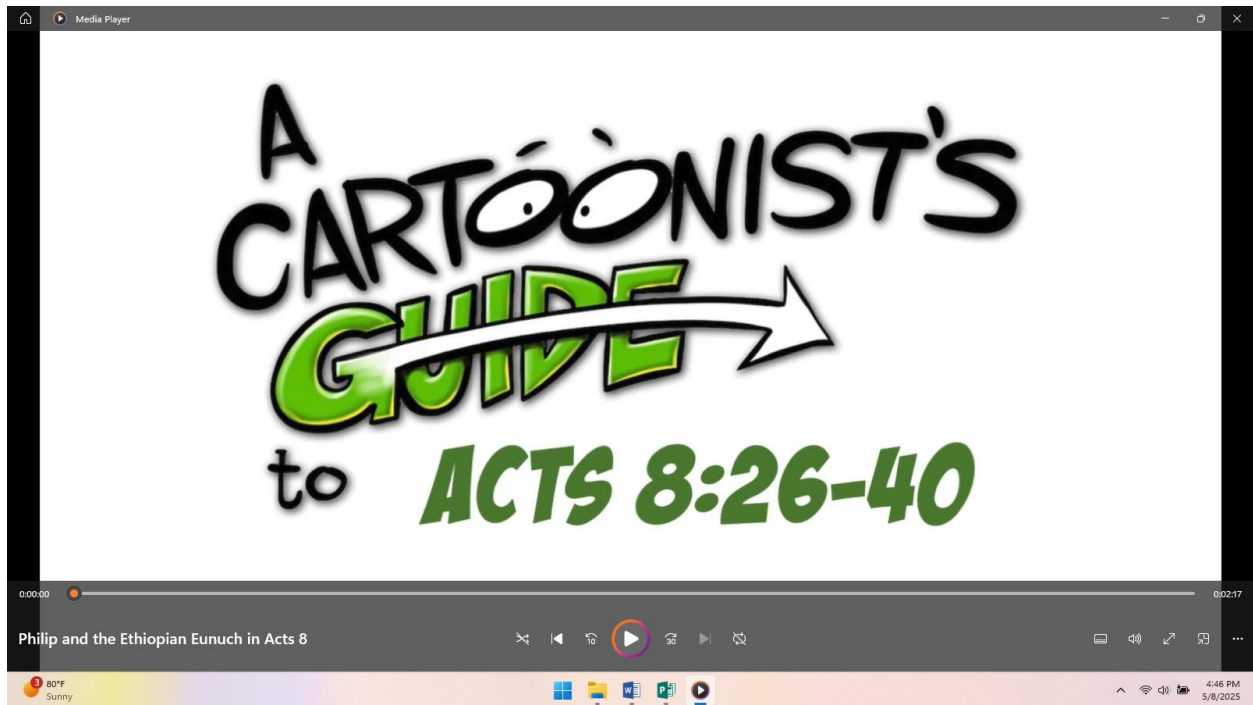
After kids have completed the SunScool lesson, have kids log into "Cal & Marty" software program and select verse under "Philip & the Ethiopian." Actual verse is Acts 8:37 "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Kids will scramble the verse and then solve then place the words back in order.

## Story Telling Craft Learning Center

### Watch

Watch the short video “A Cartoonist’s Guide to Acts 8:26-40 to offer a short recap of the Bible story.



### Holy Spirit Says Game

[Students will play a version of “Simon Says.” Make sure you begin most commands with “The Holy Spirit says...” but occasionally offer a command without the saying to see if students are listening to the Spirit.]

One of the important aspects of the story of Philip and the Ethiopian is that Philip listened to the leading/commands of the Holy Spirit to go and share the Gospel with the traveler from Ethiopia who had gone to Jerusalem to worship.

Let’s play a version of “Simon Says” to see how well you listen to the Spirit’s direction in your life.

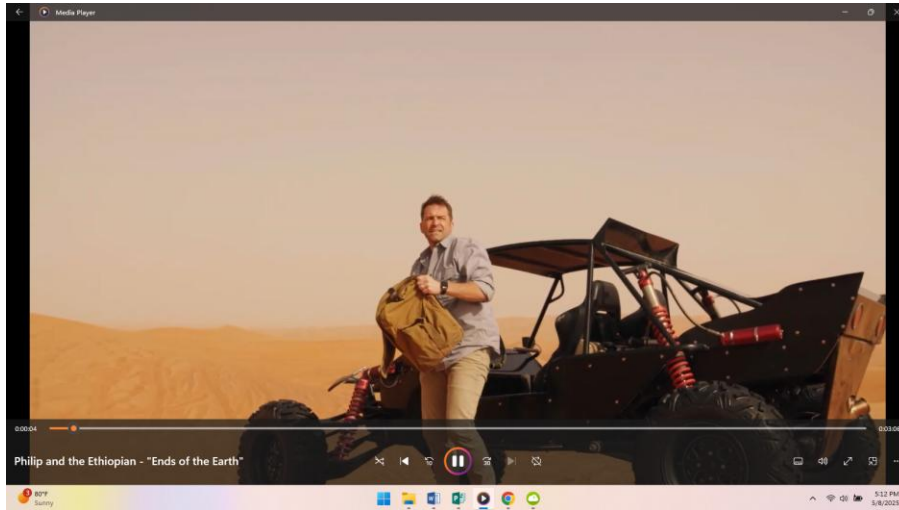
Holy Spirit says...

- Clap your hands
- Shout the name of Jesus
- Give a hug to a person near you
- Jump up and down
- Say “Jesus loves you”
- Etc.

**Once game is over, ask:** It was important for Philip to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit in his encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch. In what ways can we open ourselves to hear the Holy Spirit speak to us today? (Prayer, Bible study, attending worship)

## Watch

Watch a second retelling of the story of Philip and the Ethiopian. Use DVD with “Philip and the Ethiopian: Ends of the Earth.” This will reinforce the story for the class so they can retell it later.

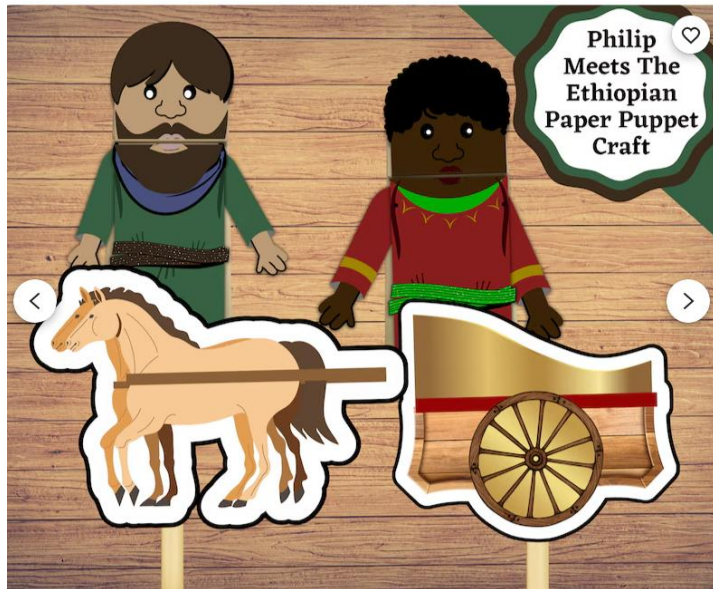


## Philip and Ethiopian Puppet Craft

Supplies Needed:

- Paper Bags
- Puppet PDF Cut-outs
- Popsicle Sticks
- Double sided tape

Have students make paper bag puppets of Philip and the Ethiopian as directed. Instructions page will be passed out to each student with supplies. Once puppets are completed, let students retell the story of Philip and the Ethiopian to each other.



This is not the end of the story. After the Philip baptized the Ethiopian, the Holy Spirit took him away. Acts records that the Ethiopian continued on his travels, rejoicing, in what had happened.

Tradition shares that the eunuch returned home to Ethiopia, where he shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the Queen and his fellow countrymen. The good news of Jesus Christ spread like wildfire, and soon many in Ethiopia became Christians, followers of Jesus Christ. Ethiopia is home to the oldest Christian community, outside of the Holy Land, all because Philip took the time to share the Gospel with the Ethiopian eunuch and he, in turn, shared the story of Jesus with his people back home. Let's watch a short video about Christianity in Ethiopia

## Watch

"Christianity in Ethiopia | BBC Earth"

