

## Lesson 10: Philip and the Ethiopian Official (Acts 8)

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**Verses:** When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. (Romans 12: 15-16b)

**Prayer:** Dear God,

Thank You that the story of Your love in Jesus was shared so broadly that it was able to reach us. As we week to follow Jesus, give us ears to hear the prompting of God the Holy Spirit and faith to follow where You lead us. Amen.

**Praise Song:** Shelter by The Walking Roots Band  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPOC\\_Dt22yU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPOC_Dt22yU)

**Video:** Philip and the Ethiopian by Saddleback Kids  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGEqn7\\_teFo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGEqn7_teFo)

### Story Summary: (Acts 8: 5-6, 26-40)

- Philip went to Samaria, speaking about Jesus and performing signs.
- An angel told Philip to go to the Jerusalem – Gaza road.
- The Spirit led Philip to an Ethiopian official traveling by chariot and reading from the scroll of Isaiah.
- Philip ran up beside him and asked if he understood what he was reading.
- Philip explained the good news about Jesus.
- The joyful official was baptized, and Philip went on his way, traveling and preaching, while the Ethiopian traveled on with joy.
- **Faith Link: We can proclaim the good news to everyone.**

### God's Story:

- (page 171, top right illustration) I wonder how the official felt when Philip helped him understand what he was reading.
- Please refer to the attachment re: **Spotlight** and find out some ways God's Holy Spirit is moving in churches in Ethiopia and other places in the world.

**My Story:** Talk about a time you learned something new about the Bible.

**Book:** This is How We Do It by Matt Lamothe  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csqKemjRuJs>

### Bless:

Dear God, Thank You for making each of us unique and for loving us as we are. Thank You for welcoming all of us into Your community. Help us to share the good news of Your love with everyone we meet. Amen.