

A DEACON DELIVERS

Philip and an Ethiopian
Acts 8:26–40

Early Childhood
Lesson 11

Storytelling Directions

Do the action rhyme at the end of the story with child(ren).

Philip loved Jesus and liked to tell people about Him. One day, God sent an angel to Philip. The angel said, “Go walk on the road that goes through the desert.”

Philip did what the angel said. When he came to the desert road, he saw a chariot—a large cart with two wheels that is pulled by horses. Inside the cart, he saw a man from a country in Africa called Ethiopia. This man worked for the queen in his country. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and now he was on his way home. He was sitting in his chariot and reading from a big Bible scroll.

When Philip got closer, he heard the man reading out loud from the Bible. Philip went over and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

I wonder . . . what do you think the man told Philip?

Let’s find out. *Turn the page.*



The man from Africa told Philip, "No, I don't understand this story. I need someone to explain it to me." Then he invited Philip to come sit with him in his chariot.

The man from Africa was reading the part in the Bible that tells that Jesus would die for us. Philip told the man the words were talking about God's promise to send a Savior to take away our sins. Then Philip said, "God has already kept His promise! God, our heavenly Father, sent His Son, Jesus, to be born as a baby. Jesus grew up to be a man. He helped many people and taught them about God's love. Then Jesus died on the cross and rose again at Easter to save us from sin and to win the victory over the devil. He did this so we can live with Him forever someday in the new heaven and earth. Everyone who believes in Jesus and is baptized will be saved."

The Holy Spirit worked faith in the man's heart. Soon, they came to some water. The man said, "Look! Here is some water. I want to be baptized." So Philip and the man got out of the chariot. They went into the water, and Philip baptized the

man from Africa. Then the man got back in his chariot and went home to Africa. After that, God made Philip disappear. But the man from Africa was happy as he rode home. He was a child of God now.



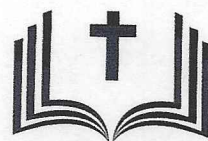
God makes us His children through His Word and Baptism. He helps us share the Good News about Jesus, our Savior.

Let's do this action rhyme together.

The Bible is God's Word,
And every word is true. (*Open hands like book.*)
It tells us of God's love,
How He cares for me and you. (*Point to self and child.*)
It tells about God's plan,
How He sent His only Son, (*Point up.*)
How Jesus came to save us,
How He died and rose for everyone. (*Make a finger cross.*)
So, let's learn what the Bible says,
Each and every day. (*Open hands like a book.*)
Then we can tell about Jesus;
We'll know just what to say. (*Point to mouth.*)

Parent Talk

This week in your family devotions, thank God for the Bible that tells us about our Savior, Jesus. Say a prayer to thank God for your pastor and your child's Sunday School teacher who teaches him about Jesus. Help your child look forward to going to church. Pack a church bag with Jesus storybooks and coloring books. Keep it special just for church days. Give your child an offering for church and Sunday School. Tell her that the money helps other people hear about Jesus. At Baptisms, sit near the front of the church where your child can see and hear how God makes us part of His family through faith in Jesus.



Bible Verse: Romans 10:17

Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for saving me and giving me people who help me learn about You from the Bible. Help me tell others about You too! Thank You for Baptism, in which You make us Your children. Amen.

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Today I learned . . .

**God works through His Word
and Baptism to make me His
child.**

On our own, we cannot understand or believe in Jesus, but God loves us and made a plan to save us through His Son, Jesus. He sends helpers to teach us what His Word says. He works through His Word and Baptism to give us faith in Jesus and make us His children.

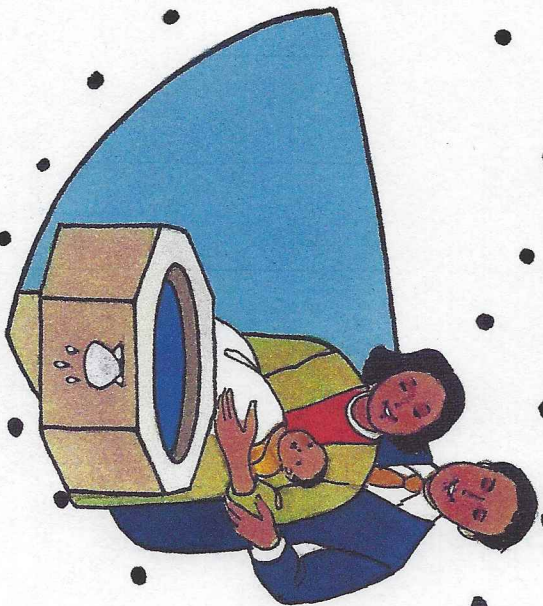
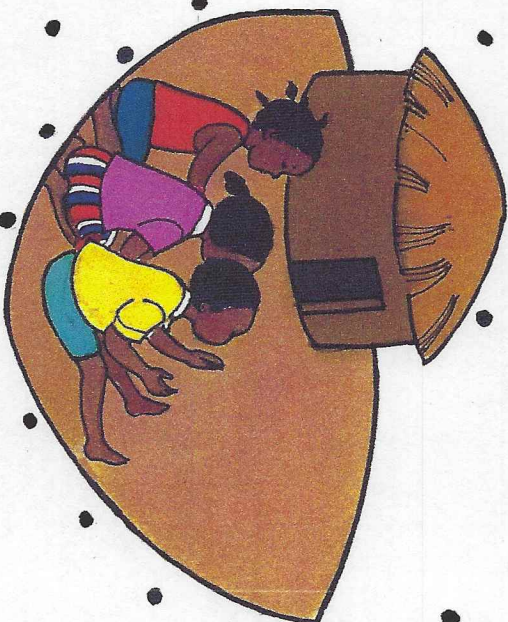
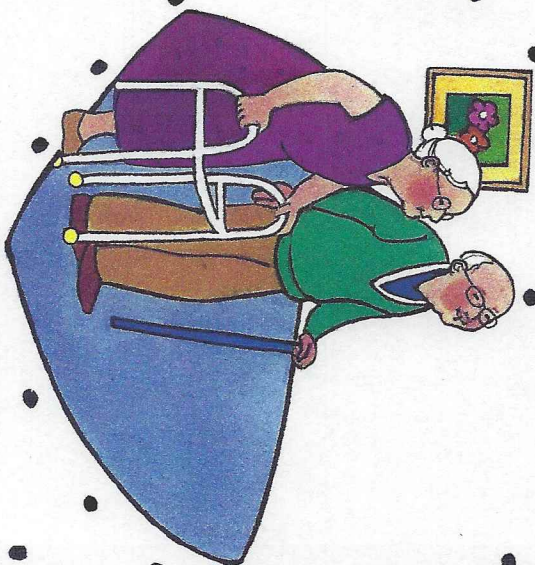
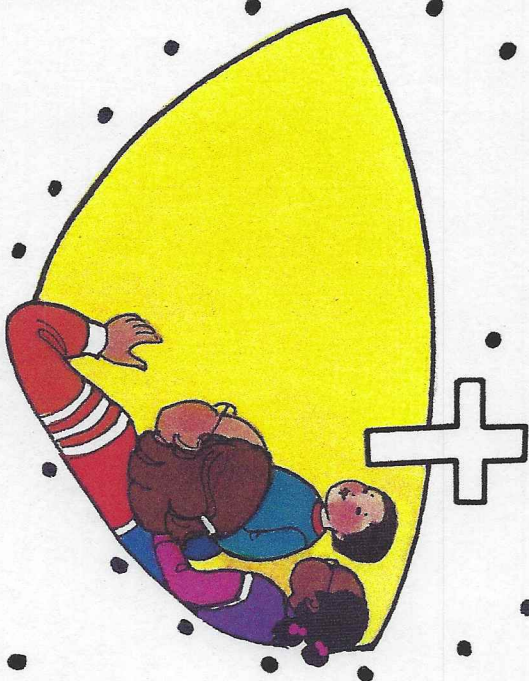
Let's Talk about It

- Who told Philip to go to the road in the desert?
- What was the man from Africa reading?
- About whom did Philip tell the man from Africa?
- What does the man ask Philip to do?

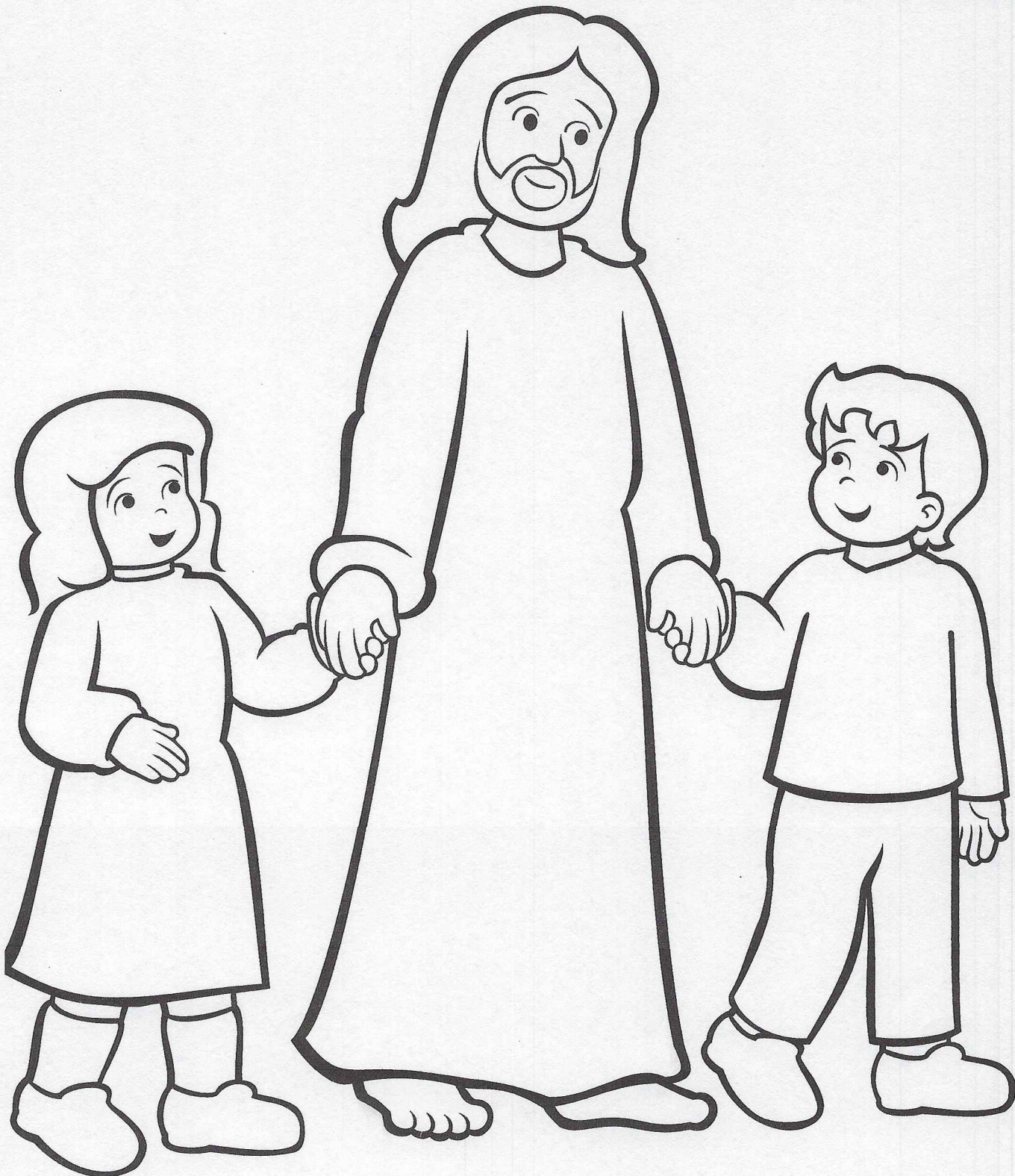


Connect the dots to make the scroll, and color the necklace.

Who Can Tell the Good News about Jesus?
Look at the pictures. Trace the dots around each picture if Jesus loves the people. Add a sticker of someone who shares about Jesus with them.



JESUS IS MY SAVIOR



**HE IS OUR FRIEND, AND HE LEADS US ON THE
PATH OF TRUTH, LOVE AND FREEDOM.**

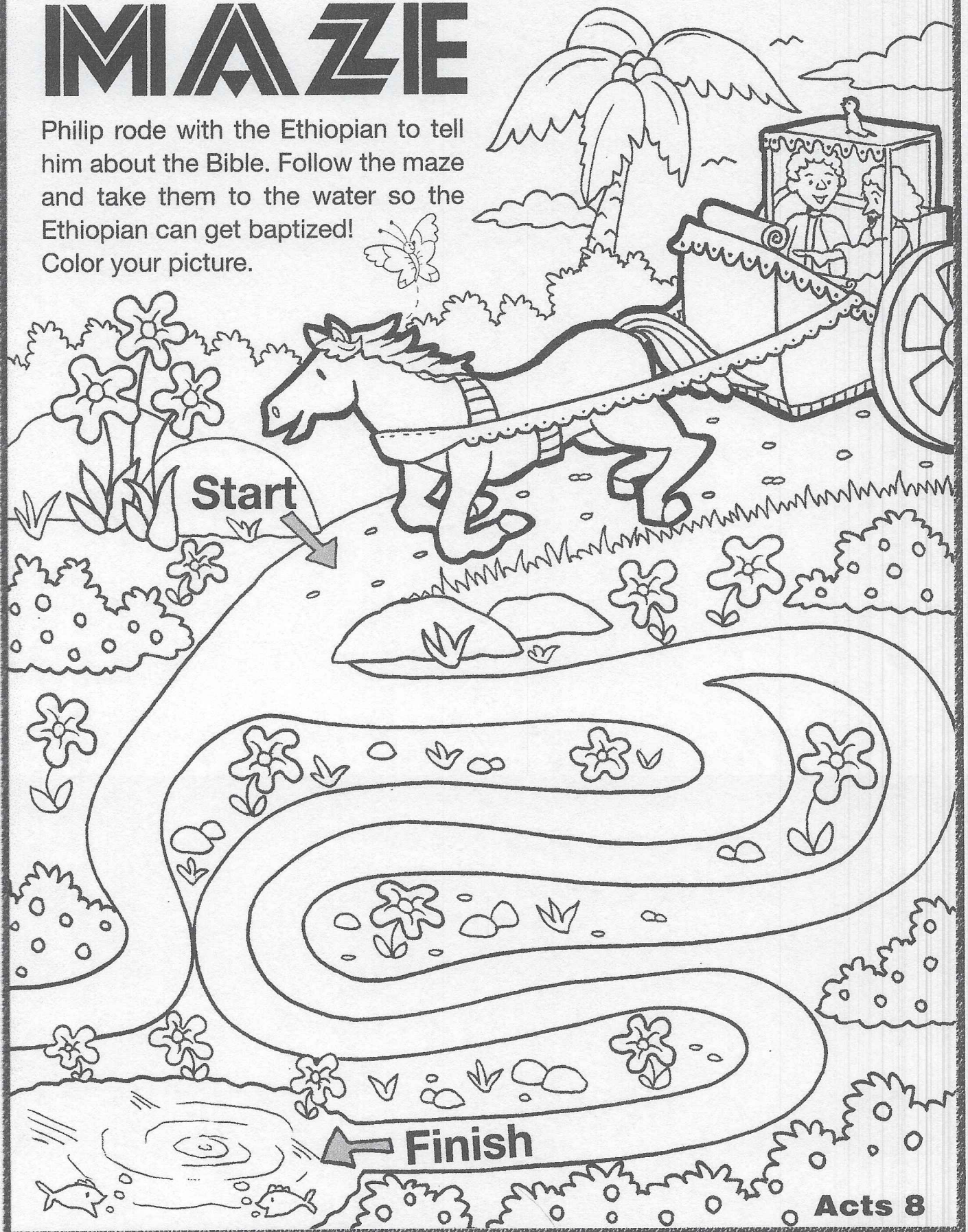


Do the...

Name _____

MAZE

Philip rode with the Ethiopian to tell him about the Bible. Follow the maze and take them to the water so the Ethiopian can get baptized! Color your picture.



Acts 8

The Only Way to Heaven

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (see John 14:6).

Jesus is the only way to heaven. He is waiting for you. Follow the maze to see if you can find the path to heaven that Jesus has already marked out for you.

