

WEEK OF JULY 9, 2023



TESTIFY



TALK TOGETHER

WHAT DOES A MISSIONARY DO?

The word missionary might make you think of people who travel to lands with strange animals and different food. But not all missionaries travel far from home.

Missionaries are Christians who share the Gospel with people. Sometimes that means journeying far away, but sometimes it means simply walking down the road!

Before Jesus returned to heaven, He told his followers to share the Gospel all over the world. In the book of Acts we read about a Christian named Philip. An angel of the Lord told Philip to go to a desert road. Philip obeyed.


When he got to the road, he found a non-Jewish man — an Ethiopian and eunuch — trying to read the book of Isaiah. The man seemed puzzled. The Lord told Philip to go talk to the man. **Let's take a look at what happened next by reading Acts 8:30-39.**



 **TALK TOGETHER**
Family conversations with God's Word.

 **MORE TO EXPLORE**
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.

 **THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET**
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.

 **COLORING PAGE**
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



SO PHILIP RAN TO HIM AND HEARD HIM READING ISAIAH THE PROPHET AND ASKED, "DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE READING?" AND HE SAID, "HOW CAN I, UNLESS SOMEONE GUIDES ME?" AND HE INVITED PHILIP TO COME UP AND SIT WITH HIM. NOW THE PASSAGE OF THE SCRIPTURE THAT HE WAS READING WAS THIS:

"LIKE A SHEEP HE WAS LED TO THE SLAUGHTER AND LIKE A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE OPENS NOT HIS MOUTH. IN HIS HUMILIATION JUSTICE WAS DENIED HIM. WHO CAN DESCRIBE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THE EARTH."

AND THE EUNUCH SAID TO PHILIP, "ABOUT WHOM, I ASK YOU, DOES THE PROPHET SAY THIS, ABOUT HIMSELF OR ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE?" THEN PHILIP OPENED HIS MOUTH, AND BEGINNING WITH THIS SCRIPTURE HE TOLD HIM THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS. AND AS THEY WERE GOING ALONG THE ROAD THEY CAME TO SOME WATER, AND THE EUNUCH SAID, "SEE, HERE IS WATER! WHAT PREVENTS ME FROM BEING BAPTIZED?" AND HE COMMANDED THE CHARIOT TO STOP, AND THEY BOTH WENT DOWN INTO THE WATER, PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH, AND HE BAPTIZED HIM. AND WHEN THEY CAME UP OUT OF THE WATER, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CARRIED PHILIP AWAY, AND THE EUNUCH SAW HIM NO MORE, AND WENT ON HIS WAY REJOICING.

ACTS 8:30-39

What did Philip share with the man he met on the road? He shared the Gospel! God knew that man needed to know Jesus. He used His faithful follower, Philip, to share the good news.

Philip was a missionary. He told the man how Jesus died and rose from the dead to pay for the sins of the world. Because Philip followed God's leading, the man he shared the Gospel with accepted Jesus as his Savior.

You don't have to travel far away to be a missionary. During your day, pray and ask God who He needs you to share the Gospel with. **Watch for God to show you someone who needs to learn about Jesus.** You can share your faith at school, in your neighborhood or even in your own home!



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: ACTS

This week's story comes from the book of Acts. Acts is the only book of its kind in the New Testament and is not grouped with any other books.

The book is written by the physician Luke, and picks up where the book of Luke left off. Acts introduces readers to the missionary Paul and shares how the Gospel spread to other countries.

OT-NT CONNECTION

Even before Christ came to Earth in the New Testament, people from the Old Testament looked forward to a Savior who could save them from sin. Let's take a closer look at the passage the Ethiopian official was reading. **Look up Isaiah 53.**

- Who is the suffering servant described in this chapter?
- Why is it important to tell people about Jesus?

WHAT IF I'M SCARED TO TELL SOMEONE ABOUT JESUS?

Many people have felt scared to share the Gospel, but the Bible instructs us to tell people about Jesus. **(Matthew 28:19-20)** Even in scary situations, we can trust God will take care of us and supply all our needs. Pray and ask God to give you the courage to obey Him and share the Gospel.

JOURNAL

Have you ever shared the good news of the Gospel with someone? What happened? In your journal, write down what your experience was like. Pray for the person you shared the Gospel with.

If you haven't told anyone about Jesus yet, write down some people you would like to tell and plan to talk to them! Pray for them.

WHAT IF THE PERSON I WANT TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH HAS HEARD IT BEFORE?

Just because someone has heard about Jesus, it doesn't mean they've accepted God's gift of salvation. Some people need to hear about Jesus many times before they decide to follow Him. If God is telling you to share about Jesus with someone, obey Him.

READ



When you first heard the good news that Jesus died and rose again to save you from your sin, did you get excited? That excitement is contagious and something we should share! **Read Romans 10:14-15.**

What does the Bible say about the feet of the people who share the good news about Jesus?

♥ MEMORIZE

**BEGINNING
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SCRIPTURE
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NEWS ABOUT
JESUS.**

ACTS 8:35B

Q: HOW DO I SHARE MY FAITH WITH OTHERS?

A: TELL THEM THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS!

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of Acts. Help your child find the book of Acts. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

SHARE

Ask your child to think of someone with whom they can share the good news about Jesus. Help them pray for that person and ask God to show them a good time to talk to that person about the Gospel.

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

DEAR LORD, I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO DON'T KNOW YOU. PLEASE HELP ME TO OPENLY SHARE THE GOSPEL. PLEASE SHOW ME WHO YOU NEED ME TO SHARE IT WITH. AMEN.

SHARE

Tell your kids about a time you shared your faith with someone else. How did the conversation start?

THINK

Sometimes sharing our faith can be scary, but it doesn't have to be. Help your child think of two things that prevent them from sharing their faith with other people. Then, ask God to remove those fears and give your child the courage to tell people about Jesus.

CONNECT

Ask someone at your church to connect you and your child with a missionary! Help your child write the missionary an encouraging letter, and ask them what their favorite thing about being a missionary is.

SING



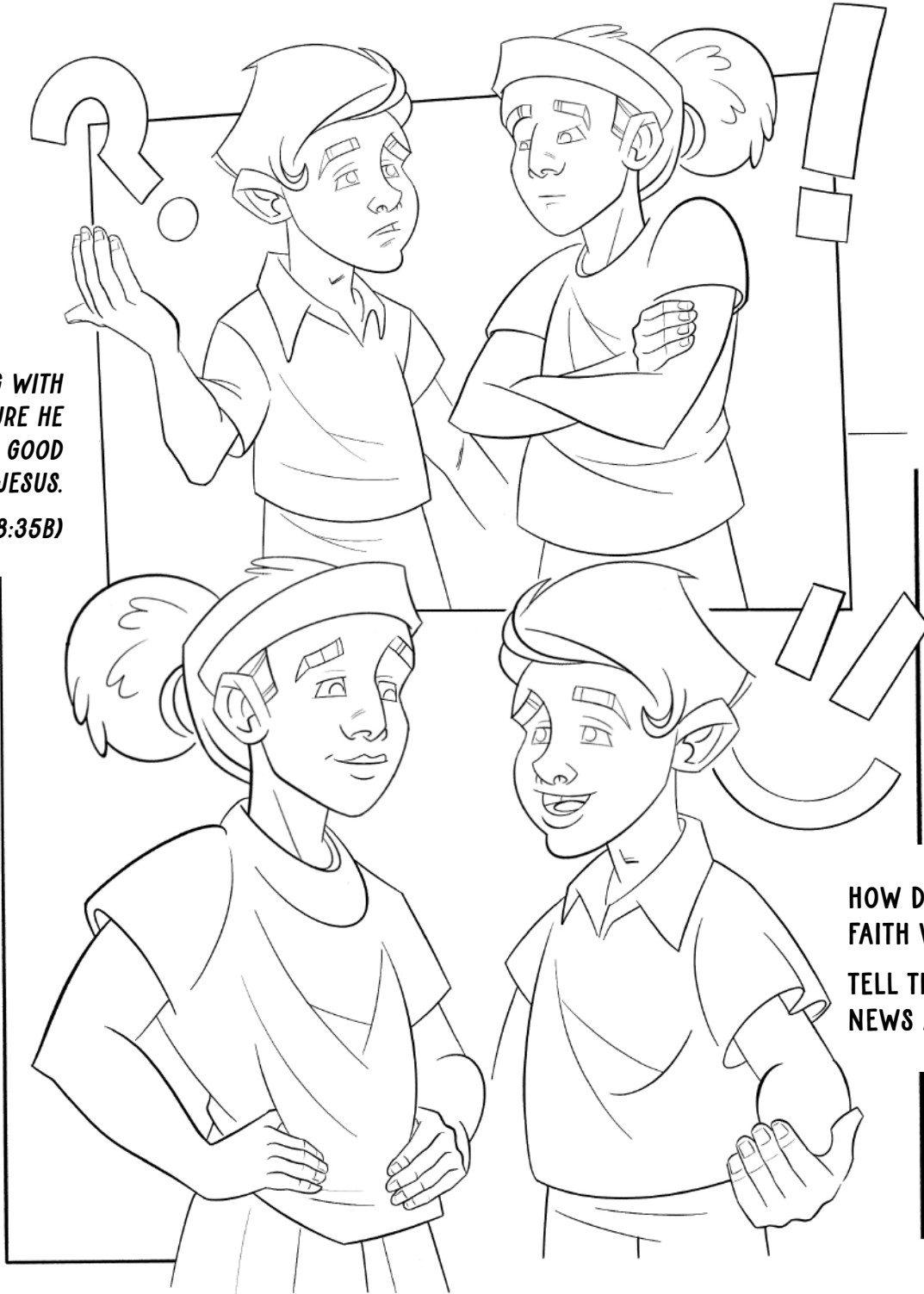
Listen to this playlist throughout the week to thank God for the Gospel!

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



**BEGINNING WITH
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NEWS ABOUT JESUS.**

(ACTS 8:35B)



**HOW DO I SHARE MY
FAITH WITH OTHERS?
TELL THEM THE GOOD
NEWS ABOUT JESUS!**

NAME: _____