

HELP

Elementary
Week 1

PARENT BIBLE STUDY

Read: Acts 8:26-40

The good news about Jesus spread fast and far after his death and resurrection. It was an electric time of both hardship and great miracles. In this passage, Philip is directed by an angel to go to a desert road. He goes. No questions. No clarifications. Just obedience. Once there, the spirit of God tells Philip more about his purpose that day and Philip takes the opportunity to tell an Ethiopian official about Jesus.

Philip had already told the people of Samaria about Jesus, (Acts 8:4-8) and brought great joy to a city in that region. Philip went on to Caesarea and continued to spread the good news in that coastal area. Because of his obedience and enthusiasm, Philip's message went to people who lived in all the places surrounding the Mediterranean Sea: the middle eastern region, North Africa, and eventually Europe.

While this time in Christian history was unique, the Holy Spirit is still with us today. When we believe in Jesus, God promises his helper for us, too. The Holy Spirit can help us understand Scripture. We can explain it to someone else with his help, just like Philip did. The Holy Spirit can prompt us to go somewhere, or do something specific, just like he prompted Philip. We can share the love of Jesus with obedience and enthusiasm, and the good news can continue to spread.

Are you enthusiastically spreading the good news of Jesus?

Has the Holy Spirit ever given you a specific task? Were you obedient?