



God Loves Everyone

Bible Passage: Acts 1:8; 6:3–5; 8:4–8, 26–40 (Philip & the Ethiopian Man)

REMEMBER VERSE He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. Psalm 111:9

The Big God Story

Bible Passage: Acts 6:5; 8:4–8, 26–40 **Ponder Point: God Loves Everyone**

Watch the video about Philip and the Ethiopian Man.

Discuss

We can do what Philip did. We can share God's love with everyone we meet, no matter where they live. We can show God's love to people in our home town (Jerusalem), around our town (Judea), in the next state (Samaria), or in a country far away (the ends of the earth). (See Acts 1:8)

Let's spend quiet time praying that God would show His love through us. Then listen to discover what the Holy Spirit says to you. He might show you a person you need to pray for. Praying is an important part of showing God's love. Or God might remind you of someone you can tell about Jesus. Or maybe God wants you to go to another country when you grow up and He wants you to pray for that country now.

Reflect: God Loves Everyone

Encourage kids to open their Bibles and read the suggested passages.

Questions

- How does the Bible describe Philip when he was chosen as a deacon? Acts 6:3-5 All the deacons were described as "full of the Spirit and wisdom."
- How did Philip show God's love to the widows in Jerusalem? He distributed food to the widows.
- What happened when Philip showed God's love to the people in Samaria? Acts 8:5–8 People were set free from impure spirits and healed of their diseases. There was great joy in the city.
- Who did Philip meet on the desert road? Acts 8:27 He met an official from Ethiopia, who had gone to Jerusalem to worship.
- How can we show God's love to others?
- Does God want us to show love to people who are difficult to love? Matthew 5:43–45 Yes, Jesus told us to love our enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats us.

Good News Cards

SUPPLIES

- Sheets of paper (at least 1 per child)
- Markers, crayons, glue and glitter, and other art supplies







RELATE

God sent Philip on a trip just to give one man some very good news. Let's make cards that share the good news of Jesus. We can give our cards to friends who don't know Jesus. Print "Jesus loves you" on the front of the card and decorate it. Write your name and print a simple message inside the card.

BLESSING

Encourage kids to open their Bibles and read 1 John 4:7, 9,11.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.... This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.... since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

May you experience God's love personally. May the power and presence of the Holy Spirit help you live like Jesus in this world, showing God's love to everyone.