

Acts 8:4-40

Philip Video

Scripture: Various passages from Acts 8:4-40

Memory Verse: Acts 8:35 *“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.”*

Lesson Focus: Last week we got to a turning point in the book of Acts. The swelling conflict between the church and the Jewish religious leaders exploded into a wave of persecution that forced believers to flee Jerusalem. But this meant that they brought the gospel to new places! We saw how Philip brought the good news to Samaria last week. Today we will watch a Superbook video that faithfully tells the rest of Philip’s story as described in Acts 8. *

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a Superbook video about Acts 8. While the video does not have any really intense moments in it, sensitive kids might get overly stimulated. If parents have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

Unfortunately, RightNow Media does not have this video available for you to preview. If you want to preview it, you can create a free Superbook account and watch it [here](#).

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 22 minutes).
- 4) We will play a Kahoot quiz game after the video that requires a smartphone. You will have Jr High helpers with you in class who can help you with this!
- 5) Afterwards we will dismiss the kids back to their rooms for appropriate follow-up small group activities (see below).

Room Time Afterwards: See discussion questions below which we would encourage you to cover with your class to post-process the video a little bit.

We will also have a coloring page and a word maze available for the lesson.

1st/2nd grade Teachers: We will also have a craft activity available for you to do with your kids. It is a “build-your-own” scroll craft. Point out how in Bible times they didn’t have Bibles like we do and they had to read scrolls just like the Ethiopian was doing in the video as he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Help the kids know how fortunate they are to have access to Bibles today!

Discussion Qs

1. The virtual reality command module that Chris was using at the beginning was cool. But why was Chris so excited about it at first? (Hint: **See Luke 14:11**)
2. **Read Acts 8:18-19.** In a similar way, why was Simon the magician so excited about Jesus?
3. **Read Acts 8:20-23.** How did Peter respond after Simon asked to “buy” God’s power from him?
4. Things seemed to going well for Philip in Samaria. Read **Acts 8:26.** Why did he leave?
5. The Ethiopian man was asking Philip questions about the Bible. **Read Acts 8:35.** How did Philip respond?
6. How was the Ethiopian man’s heart different toward God from Simon’s heart toward God?
7. Throughout the episode, Chris was shown that it is better to seek God Himself than to merely seek the power of God. What does that mean?
8. Is your heart toward God more like Chris’s heart at the beginning of the episode or more like his heart at the end of the episode?
9. **Read Mark 16:15.** Is there someone in your life that you think God would want you to tell about Jesus this week?