

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Philip and the Ethiopian

Acts 8

STORY POINT: THE HOLY SPIRIT LED PHILIP TO TELL THE ETHIOPIAN MAN ABOUT JESUS.

An angel told Philip to go to a desert road. So Philip went. On the road was a man from Ethiopia. The man had come to worship in Jerusalem, and now he was on his way home. He sat in his chariot, reading aloud the words of the prophet Isaiah.

The Holy Spirit told Philip to go to the chariot. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked the man.

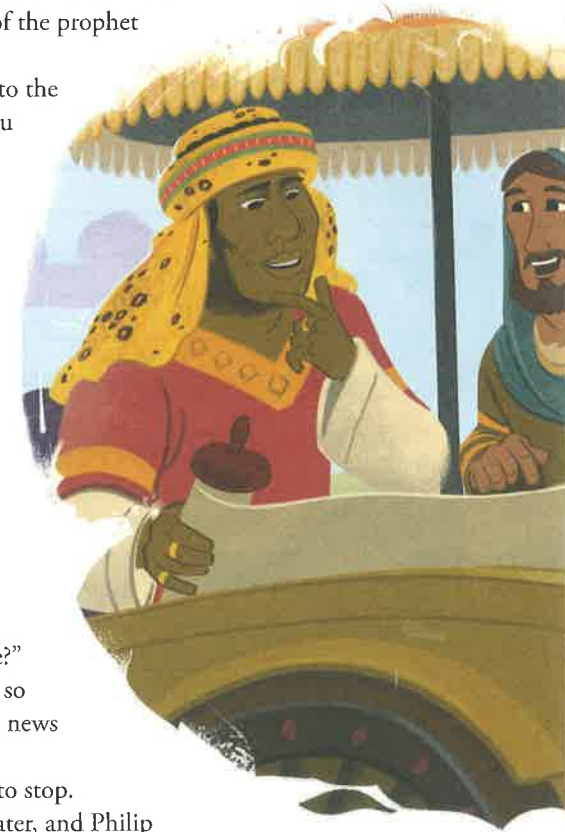
The official replied, "How can I, unless someone explains it to me?" Philip sat with him. The official was reading these words from Isaiah:

He was led like a sheep
to the slaughter,
and as a lamb is silent
before its shearer,
so He does not open His
mouth.

He was treated unfairly,
and His life is taken away.

The official asked, "Was Isaiah talking about himself or someone else?" Isaiah was talking about the Messiah, so Philip began to tell the man the good news about Jesus.

Then the official told the chariot to stop. He and Philip went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. The official continued home, and he was very happy.

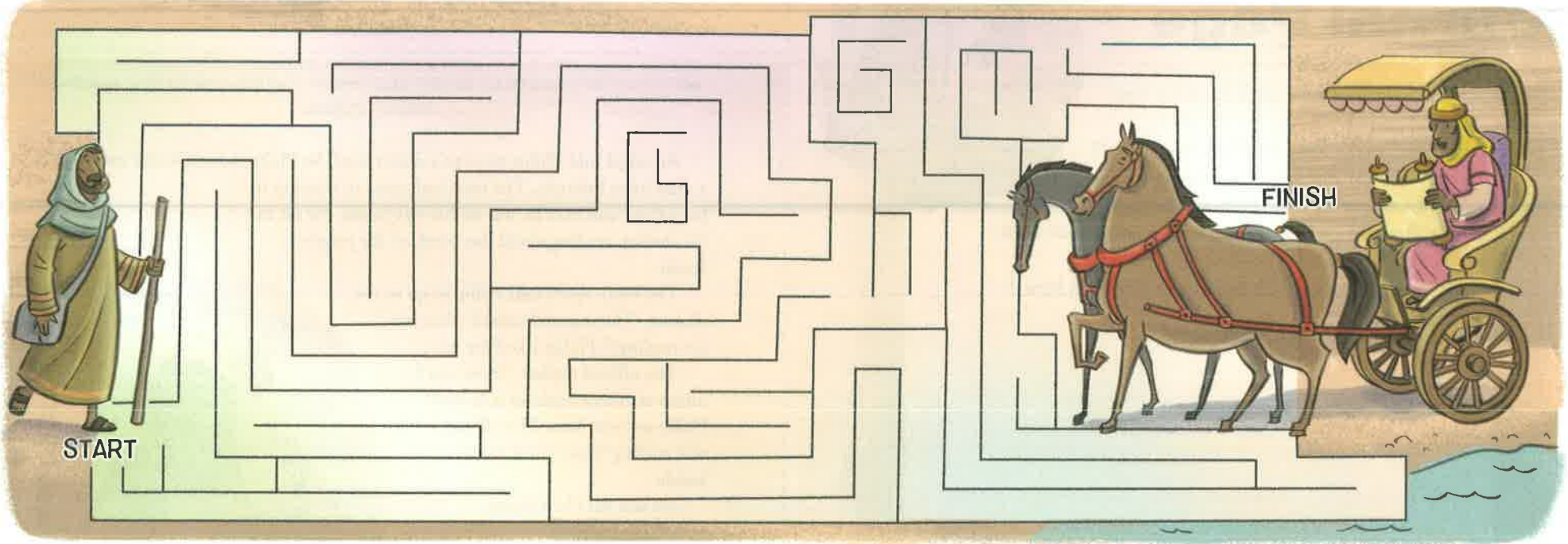


FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Do you ever feel led to do something? How do you think God might lead us?
- Who can you ask if you have questions about the Bible?
- How many people do you encounter each day? How many of them need to hear the good news about Jesus?

Christ Connection: The Ethiopian official knew what the Old Testament prophets said, but he did not understand that they spoke about Jesus. The Holy Spirit led Philip to help the official understand the good news about Jesus: Jesus died on the cross for our sins and was raised from the dead, just like the Old Testament prophets said.

To the Desert | Find the path from Philip to the Ethiopian official on the desert road.



A Greater Understanding

Use the words from the word box to fill in the Christ connection for today's Bible story.

The _____ official knew what the _____ Testament _____ said, but he did not _____ that they spoke about _____. The Holy _____ led _____ to help the official understand the _____ news about Jesus: Jesus _____ on the _____ for our _____ and was _____ from the dead, just like the Old _____ prophets said.

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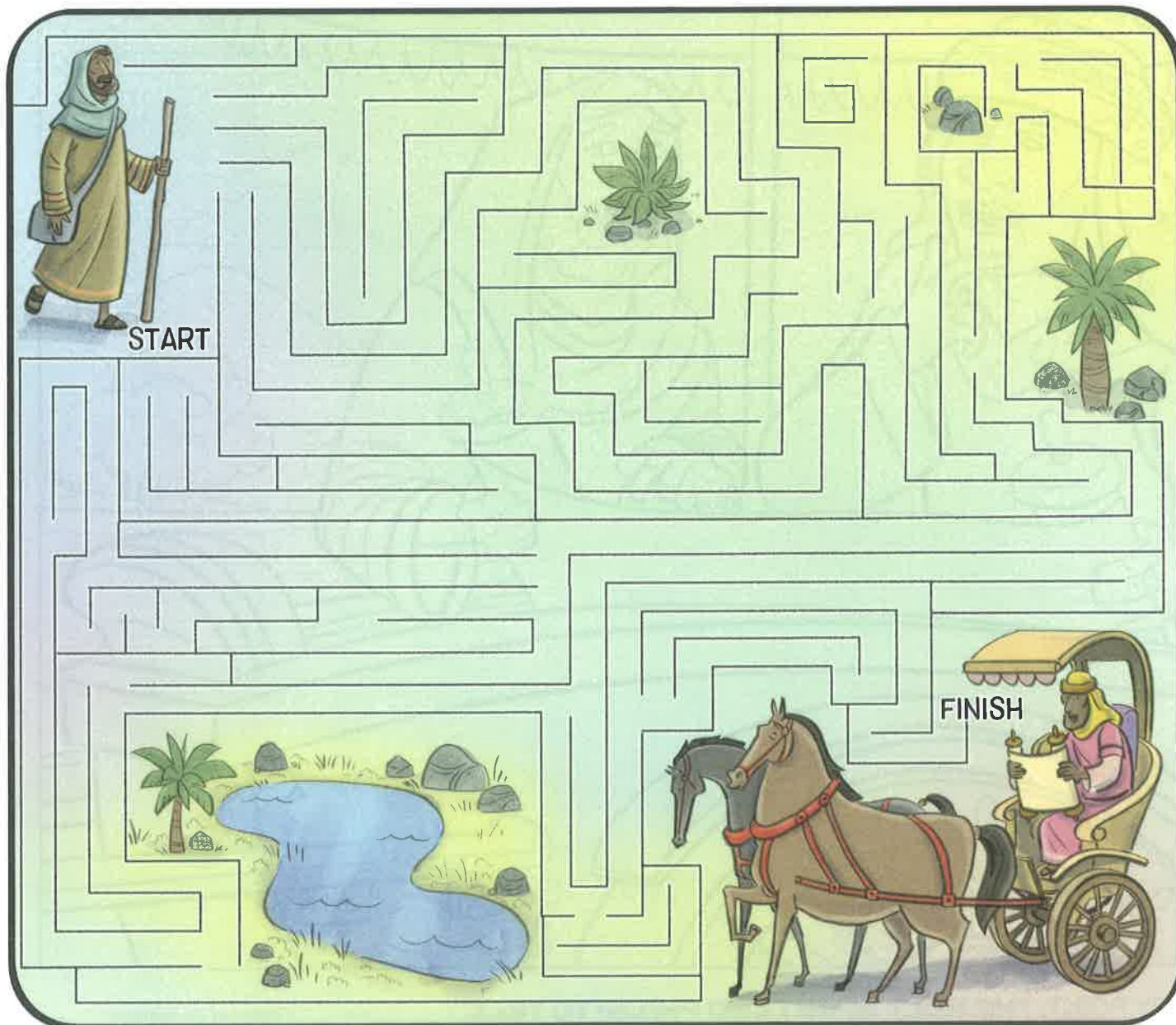
Testament

Ethiopian

Old

The Desert Road

INSTRUCTIONS: Solve the maze to help Philip arrive at the Ethiopian's chariot.



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BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- The Holy Spirit sent Philip to a desert road.
- Philip met an Ethiopian official who was reading from Isaiah.
- Philip explained that Isaiah had written about Jesus, the Messiah.
- The Ethiopian official believed the gospel and was baptized.
- The Holy Spirit led Philip to tell the Ethiopian man about Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:18

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why does the church exist? The church exists to glorify God by worshiping Him, showing His love, and telling others about Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How can we recognize the Holy Spirit's leading?
- Who can we share the gospel with?
- How would you share the gospel with a person you meet?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take your family to an Ethiopian restaurant near where you live. Encourage your kids to try something new, and discuss God's love for people from all nations.



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