

2024 - Family Devo

Apr 21 - a



R E A D: Acts 8:32-40

Main Idea: Phillip helps the Ethiopian understand scripture by starting where he was reading in Isaiah. Quickly he proceeds to tell the man the good news about Jesus. When the man sees water beside the road, he asks what would keep him from being able to be baptized. They immediately stop and Philip baptizes him. Their discussion and study of scripture is finished at this point as Philip is carried away by the Spirit and the Ethiopian continues his journey rejoicing.

D I S C U S S

Children: How hard would it be to learn about God without the Bible. What if all we could do was go to church on Sunday and hear the preacher read from the Bible. I'm sure we would all have questions. "what did he say?" or "what does that mean?" Look around on Sunday and ask yourself, how long would we be here on Sunday if everyone one in here wanted to ask a question. Now, if it were just you and the preacher for an afternoon, think about what you could learn. Philip was able to explain to the Ethiopian what he needed to know.

Teen: Did Jesus willingly go to the cross for you? How much must He love you to go through so much to save you? Does God put us where we need to be to spread the gospel? Is it up to us to open our mouths and let his words out?

Adult: We're not told how long Philip taught the eunuch or how much time they spent together. But we know Simon told him the good news of Jesus. We can also infer from verse 36 that Philip explained the need for baptism because the eunuch asked about it and commanded that the chariot stop so he could be immersed. How do you think he spent the rest of his trip home? When they stopped at inns, do you believe he told of Jesus? Do you think he read even more on the trip? What do you think happened when he reached Ethiopia? Did he slip back into his old life without any changes or did everyone he met know about his conversion on the road?

P R A Y

M E M O R I Z E

Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)
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READ: Acts 9:1-9

Main Idea: Saul, a Pharisee who was persecuting Christians gets authority to go Damascus and put Christians in jail. But then he meets Jesus. He's blinded by a light from heaven and hears Jesus ask why he is persecuting him. He's told to go into Damascus and wait on further instructions. Saul will not eat again until after he repents and his sins are washed away in baptism.

DISCUSS

Children: Saul was present when Stephen was being stoned. He would be responsible for a lot of Christians being locked away in prison. He was a very important man and he truly believed that what he was doing was what God wanted. It took a lot for him to change his mind. He hears Jesus's voice and is blinded for a bit. Do you think if anyone else would have said, hey Saul... you are so wrong... let me explain how, it would have turned out the same? He probably needed the words from Jesus and being blinded to understand.

Teen: How did Saul feel about Jesus, and his followers? Could you ever do anything so bad, or be too far gone for God to save you and use you in his kingdom?

Adult: Did you notice that Saul was going to the synagogues in Damascus looking for those who followed the Way? These Christians didn't give up going to the synagogue. Were they there to teach their fellow Jews of Jesus in order to convert them? Do you think there was another reason? Saul experiences Jesus on the road, not in the synagogue. How did he feel when he heard "why are you persecuting me?" Do you think he really needed to ask "who are you" or was he confirming what he already knew in his heart? Do you think he was relieved to hear he was to go into the city? Or was he anxious for the "other shoe to drop" for three days?

PRAY

MEMORIZE

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