

# Inspiring Bible Characters

## *Philip*



# Introduction

Philip was one of seven men chosen by the Jews to handle certain leadership duties while the twelve disciples focused on spreading the Gospel (Acts 6: 3-4). Philip and his counterparts were full of the Spirit and had great wisdom (Acts 6: 5).

In this lesson of inspiring bible characters, we will see how one man can have a great impact on the lives of others. Hopefully, through Philip, we will see how we, too, can do something powerful in the name of God.

# Philip spreads the Gospel

- Acts 8: 4-8
  - The Bible says that Philip proclaimed Christ. Philip's dedication to Christ and His Word is an example for us to follow. Do you proclaim Christ to others? What are some ways that you can personally spread the news of Jesus Christ to those you come in contact with?
  - Philip ministered to the needs of the people and they were healed. We all know people who are hurting and in need. We have frequent opportunities to assist those who need our help. You can be a listening ear to someone who is dealing with a life crisis, give Godly advice to a loved one, or pray for someone in need. There are a number of ways that you can help another person, relieve their pain and help them find joy once again.
  - *Question for Thought: Who do you know who needs your help?*

# *Philip and the Eunuch Cross Paths...*

- Acts 8: 26-29
  - From scripture, it appears that the angel of the Lord arranged this meeting between Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch.
  - Question for Thought: Who has the Lord “arranged” for you to cross paths with? What is the Spirit of God telling you to do about them?
- Acts 8: 30-35
  - The Ethiopian eunuch is seeking knowledge about the Lord. He’s been to worship, he’s reading God’s Word, but he needs help to understand it.
  - Philip is obedient to the Spirit of God and shares with the eunuch the good news about Jesus.
  - Question for Thought: Who do you know who you could share the good news of Jesus with?

# Philip baptizes the Eunuch

- Acts 8: 36-40
  - After reading and understanding a portion of God's Word, the eunuch is aware of the importance of baptism in terms of salvation.
  - Philip and the eunuch *go down* into the water. This detail provides us with clarity as to how baptisms ought to be performed.
  - When they came up out of the water, the Spirit took Philip away. Philip had accomplished something very important—the eunuch had been baptized and now it was time for Philip to continue to travel and convince others to follow Jesus Christ.

The Eunuch *comes up* out of the water



# Steps Leading to Baptism

- **Hear** the Word
  - Romans 10: 14
- **Believe** that Christ is the Son of God
  - Hebrews 11: 6
- **Repent** of Your Sins
  - Acts 3: 19
- **Confess** before men that you believe
  - Matthew 10: 32
- **Be Baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins
  - Acts 2: 38

# Baptism

- Matthew 16: 15-16
  - Question for Thought: Have you been baptized in the manner described in the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch? If not, what are you waiting for?
  - Philip played an important role in leading the eunuch to baptism. If you have been baptized for the forgiveness of your sins, how will you play a role in leading others to baptism?

# Jesus gives His perfect example

- Matthew 3: 13-17

- Though He was without sin, Jesus, himself, was baptized as an example for us to follow.

## Philip inspires us to:

- Teach others about Christ
- Encourage others to be baptized
- Get involved in the lives of the people who need us
- Be obedient to what God wants us to do