

LEGACY

WEEK 1

BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.

BIBLE

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch: Acts 8: 26-40; (John 15:1-8)

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT?

MUSIC | Worship



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Lead the kids into an energetic, fun time of worship! You can sing your kids' favorites, but consider adding the following to your playlist:
 - ["Follow You"](#) by Hillsong Kids
 - ["Follow Me"](#) by Yancy
- These songs invite us to follow God and to talk to God!

SO WHAT?

SCRIPTURE | Acts 8:26-40



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Create a time travel device to use for the Bible story every week this month! Cut out chunks of the rim of five plates ([gold](#), [silver](#), and/or [bronze](#)) to make them look like steampunk gears ([like this](#)). Print and

cut out items from the *Time Machine printable*. Poke a hole in the middle of a [cake board](#) and attach the arrow with a [brad](#). Glue each of the Scripture circles onto a plate (note that they are in Roman numerals to fit the theme!). Attach the gears around the cake board in any order using brads or hot glue.

- Today, we're going to hear about one of Jesus' friends named Philip. Philip was a special friend of Jesus' called a disciple, or a follower Jesus.
- Let's use our special time travel device to take us to today's Bible story!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Point the arrow on your "device" to the plate with the corresponding Scripture and play this [sound effect](#). Summarize today's Bible story in Acts 8:26-40. You could choose to show this [video](#) instead of or in addition to the teaching.
- The Spirit of God told Philip to go to this place in the middle of nowhere, and Philip didn't ask why — he just agreed to go just like that! When he arrived, he met a person from Ethiopia. And this guy was really important because he was the treasurer — that's the person in charge of money — for the Queen of Ethiopia!
- The man brought with him on his trip to Jerusalem a big part of the Hebrew scriptures, which is what we call the Old Testament, and specifically, the book of Isaiah. He was reading it out loud.
- Even though he was well educated and worked for the queen, the man still didn't understand what he was reading — it didn't make any sense to him.
- **Have you ever read something you didn't understand?**
- Well, Philip heard the man reading, approached him and asked, "Do you understand what you're reading?"
- You see, Philip had heard the Holy Spirit's voice telling Philip to help someone. And even though he was a little nervous, he helped the man anyway because Philip knew this was what the Holy Spirit wanted him to do.

THE BIG IDEA | The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God. ▲



- Check this out! It's called a legacy pod.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Create a legacy pod by writing all the words of the Big Idea on individual index cards and putting them into a time capsule ([Something like this](#)). Open the legacy pod and pull out one sheet of paper or index card at a time with parts of the Big Idea written on them. Arrange the words into the correct order to reveal the Big Idea. Read the Big Idea out loud together.

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VIDEO | Legacy, Episode 1



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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's [teaching video](#).*

STORY | My Own Travel



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell a time travel story about a time when you were growing up and you didn't understand something that was going on. You didn't understand it at the time, but looking back, it's easy to see how the Holy Spirit was helping guide the situation.*
- The man from Ethiopia was looking to understand God better. That's why God sent Philip — to help the man answer his questions and understand more

... to help the man answer his questions and understand more about God!

- We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we can see what the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives!

ACTIVITY | Legacy Lotto



- We are going to get to know each other better by playing this next game.
- You will travel around the room to try to find people who can put their name next to something they like from the board you fill out. Once you have one person for each letter, yell, "Legacy!"
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print the Legacy Lotto printable. In the blank spaces, have kids write four things they like in each column that begin with the letter of that column (e.g., lemonade, lollipops, lizards, labradors for column "L"). Once they complete their board, they will go around and try to find other people who like the same things on their list, and get them to write their name in the corresponding boxes. This activity will be played kind of like "Bingo" except that instead of trying to get five-in-a-row, kids will try to get one item from each column, in any order. Once they have a six different friends' names listed in each of the six columns, have them yell "LEGACY!"*
- This game helped us to get to know each other a little better. What can we do to get to know God better? We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us. **The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.**

SCRIPTURE | Romans 15:13



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read Romans 15:13.*
- A man named Paul was trying to help all the new churches get started. Paul's legacy is that he wrote letters to these churches, which were later put in the Bible.
- Paul wanted to encourage church leaders because they were only just learning what it meant to be followers of Jesus.
- Paul shared with them that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are filled with joy and peace. And that gives us power to do what Jesus wants us to do . . . which helps us know God better.

- **The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.**

NOW WHAT?

ACTIVITY | Timeline



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a piece of paper and some colored pencils. Show them an example of a timeline.*
- It's amazing how the Holy Spirit impacts every part of our lives. Sometimes, we don't even notice it.
 - First, draw a line all the way across your paper like this, with three dots.
 - Over the first dot, draw a picture of the person who invited or brought you here today. That happened in the past.
 - Under the second dot, draw a picture of yourself here, where you are right now.
 - Over the third dot draw a picture of someone you know who you can ask to come with you next time. That will happen in the future.
- Now, we have the past, present, and future. Go back and draw one big heart over all three pictures. God's Holy Spirit directs our lives and connects the past to the present, and the present to the future.

REFLECTION | Fill In the Blank



- Now, turn your paper over. I'm going to ask you a few question out loud. Think about the question and quietly write down your answers. This is a special time for you and God to get to know each other.
- Remember, **The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.**
- Write down these questions:
 - **What is something I already know about God?**
 - **What is something else I want to learn about God?**
 - **How can knowing more about God can help me be more like Jesus?**
- Maybe this is a lot to think about right now. So every night this week, I want you to look at these questions and think about the answers. And just like Paul

you to look at these questions and think about the answers. And just like Paul told the Romans, the God of hope will fill you with joy and peace, and you can fill in the answers to these questions whenever you want to.

- Next week, you can share your answers with your small group!

PRAYER



- Dear God, Thank you for wanting to know us and for allowing us to know you more through the Holy Spirit. Help us to want to know you more and more each day and share what we know with others. Amen.

SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION




- **What did the Holy Spirit tell Philip to do?**
- **Who did Philip meet on the desert road?**
- **What did Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch talk about?**
- **Read Romans 15:13. How does this verse encourage us?**
- **What does the Holy Spirit do for us?**
- **What are some things you know about God already?**
- **What are some things you want to know more about?**

ACTIVITY | Legacy Locket



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Encourage the kids to create their own legacy locket necklace to help them remember today's Big Idea. Pass out circle pendants, necklace chains, and fine point Sharpies. Instruct the kids to*



decorate their pendant with either today's Big Idea or a drawing of a compass.

- Every time you look at your legacy locket, you can remember that the Holy Spirit shows us which way to go and what choices we should make. **The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God!**