

WEEK 4

LESSON GUIDE

ONE STEP

BIG IDEA

Don't skip this step – tell others about Jesus.

BIBLE

Phillip in Ethiopia: Acts 8:26–40

SUNDAY: COMMUNITY GROUP TIME

(Please start your classroom time at 9:45-50)

ACTIVITY | Activity Pages

- INSTRUCTIONS:
 - *Hand out Activity Pages as given by Kid Director*

WELCOME!

Star Cards"

- Attendance
- Bring Someone?
- Bring Your Bibles
- New Bible Verse! – Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

- "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."
- INSTRUCTIONS: *Say the memory verse aloud for the kids as you do the hand motions. Have the children repeat after you (in chunks).*
 - *The heavens* (Sweep your arms over your head to the right.)
 - *Declare* (Cup hands to mouth.)
 - *The glory of God* (Hands spread out and gesture up into the sky.)
 - *The skies* (Sweep your arms over your head to the left.)
 - *Proclaim* (Cup hands to mouth.)
 - *The work of his hands* (Hold up both hands and wave them.)

Great Job kids!!

- You all are so impressive and do such a great job with the memory verse!!

ACTIVITY | Moon Rock Relay

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Create a "Start" and "Finish" line with tape or cones. Place a bucket at the finish line for each team. Set a pile of "moon rocks" (crumpled up paper), one for each team member, at the start line. Divide the kids into teams and have them stand by a rock pile. On "Blast Off," the first kid must pick up a "moon rock" and carry it to their team's bucket. Once they return, the next kid goes. The first team to place all their rocks into the bucket wins.
- Do you see how all of you had to do your part to help your team collect all the moon rocks?
- We are all part of a team with a mission – to tell others about Jesus. That means we all have to do our part so that more people can hear the good news.

And that is so important – we like the disciples need to tell everyone about the good news!

And this is our BIG IDEA for this week...and it's a step we can't skip!

BIG IDEA | Don't skip this step – tell others about Jesus.

- Say it with me!
 - *Don't skip* (Wag a finger.)
 - *This step* (Take a step.)
 - *Tell others about* (Cup hands around mouth.)
 - *Jesus* ([This sign](#) for "Jesus.")

Great job guys!

Ok, let's head to Main street together to learn more about how we can tell others about Jesus!

(Line Up for Main Street at 10:05)

MAIN STREET

(Main Street starts at 10:10)

What's Up Kids!! It's so good to see you all this morning! Today is our last day in "One Small Step"!

You guys have done so good remembering what our lessons have been about.

Let's review the steps that we've taken in our mission for Jesus. **Let's all stand up and take one step forward for each Big Idea.**

- Take the first step — believe in Jesus.
- Take another step — pray for others.
- Take a big step — the Holy Spirit makes us brave.

Awesome job!!

Well, today, we're going to **hear one more important step in our mission!**

But, before we open our Bibles...let's stand and sing some songs to God!

MUSIC | Worship in the House!

I Am A Christian

- *Start slowly, and sing each verse faster until it falls apart.*

I am a C
I am a C-H
I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N!

And I have C-H-R-I-S-T in my H-E-A-R-T
and I will L-I-V-E E-T-E-R-N-A-L-L-Y!
I am a C...

I Have The Joy

- I have the JOY, JOY, JOY, JOY down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart.
I have the JOY, JOY, JOY, JOY down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart.
Down in my heart, down in my heart.
I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

I have the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart.
I have the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

You guys did so great!! And you sang so good!!

- So proud of you!

Ready to hear this week's story?

Ok, let's everyone sit and open our ears so that we can hear God's Word...

SCRIPTURE | Acts 8:26–40 (Phillip in Ethiopia)

[Please Read or Summarize Acts 8:26-40]

²⁶ An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip. The angel said, "Get ready and go south on the road that leads down to Gaza from Jerusalem—the road that goes through the desert."

²⁷ So Philip got ready and went.

Phillip knew all the steps.

- He believed in Jesus.
- He prayed for others.
- and the Holy Spirit made him brave. That's why when an angel of God told him where to go, he obeyed. Turns out, there was someone God wanted him to meet.

On the road he saw a man from Ethiopia. He was a eunuch and an important official in the service of Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians. He was responsible for taking care of all her money. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship. ²⁸ Now he was on his way home. He was sitting in his chariot reading from the book of Isaiah the prophet.

²⁹ The Spirit said to Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ So he went toward the chariot, and he heard the man reading from Isaiah the prophet. Philip asked him, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

Philip met a man from Ethiopia. He was an important and intelligent man. But he was reading Scripture and didn't know what it meant.

³¹ The man answered, "How can I understand? I need someone to explain it to me." Then he invited Philip to climb in and sit with him. ³² The part of the Scriptures that he was reading was this:

"He was like a sheep being led to the butcher.

He was like a lamb that makes no sound as its wool is being cut off.

He said nothing.

³³ He was shamed, and all his rights were taken away.

His life on earth has ended.

So there will be no story about his descendants.”

³⁴ The official said to Philip, “Please, tell me, who is the prophet talking about? Is he talking about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Philip began to speak. He started with this same Scripture and told the man the Good News about Jesus.

It's a good thing Phillip showed up. Phillip knew that this was why God sent him here. Phillip explained to the Ethiopian man that he was reading about Jesus.

The Scripture the man was reading was from Isaiah. Isaiah was a prophet who received messages from God. Isaiah wrote about someone who would die even though he had done nothing wrong . . . all so the world could be saved. That person was Jesus.

³⁶ While they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The official said, “Look, here is water! What is stopping me from being baptized?” ³⁷ ³⁸ Then the official ordered the chariot to stop. Both Phillip and the official went down into the water, and Phillip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took Phillip away; the official never saw him again. The official continued on his way home. He was very happy. ⁴⁰ But Phillip appeared in a city called Azotus. He was going to the city of Caesarea. He told people the Good News in all the towns on the way from Azotus to Caesarea.

What a trip this was!

First, Phillip taught the Ethiopian about the book of Isaiah.

Then he shared the gospel of Jesus Christ with him.

AND THEN, the Ethiopian man even asked Phillip to baptize him in the water that was nearby.

- He wanted to make a public profession of his new faith - that he was going to start a new life as a follower of God.

Phillip knew that following Jesus meant sharing the good news with others.

He took *one small step* to obey God and helped the Ethiopian man take his first step in obedience of God!!

That's so amazing!!

Let's tune into Cali's World to see what she has to teach us about teaching others about Jesus!

VIDEO | *One Small Step, Episode 4*

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).*

Well our time is over for this week! You guys have been great today!!

Let's go ahead and prepare to head back to our classes...but before we do, let's spend some time in prayer.

PRAYER

- Call on someone to pray
- Or, have them repeat your prayer below
 - Dear God, thank you for giving us Jesus. Help us tell more people about him. Amen.

I hope to see you next week!

(Line up to Leave UpTown 10:25-30)

TIME TO TALK

DISCUSSION

- Who got a message from an angel of God? *Phillip.*
- Who did Phillip meet? *A man from Ethiopia.*
- What was the man reading? *Scripture, something from Isaiah.*
- What did the Ethiopian man ask Phillip to do for him? Why? *To baptize him in the water. He wanted to follow Jesus too.*
- Who should we tell about Jesus? *Everyone.*

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

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CLOSING PRAYER

PLAY TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute the [coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.*

ACTIVITY | Constellation Art

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give children star stickers to place on black paper. You can show them [pictures](#) of real constellations for them to mimic if you'd like. Use white chalk or crayon to connect the stars.*
 - **TODDLER HACK:** *All kids, but toddlers especially, learn through play and various sensory experiences. Consider how you can engage all of the toddlers' senses with air fresheners, cold textures, or new musical instruments. Allow them to move freely more than you have them sitting and doing structured activities.*

ACTIVITY | Straw Rockets

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Help the children create [straw rockets](#) by attaching a picture of a rocket to a small rolled-up tube of paper that's pinched at one end. Kids can insert a bendy straw into the tube and blow on it to launch the paper rocket. Let them fly the rockets around the room.*
 - **TODDLER HACK:** *Cut pool noodles and add paper embellishments to create [soft rockets](#) for the toddlers to throw.*

ACTIVITY | Spacewalk Tag

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pick one or two children to be "it." The rest of the children will spread out around the room. "It" will chase the other children around the room. When they get tagged, instead of freezing, they need to walk in slow motion like they're going on a spacewalk.*
- **Did you know that in space, when something starts to move, it doesn't stop but keeps going?**
- **The same is true when we share the good news about Jesus. Once we tell someone, that someone will tell someone else, and the message will go on and on.**

STORY TIME

ACTIVITY | Satellite Relay

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Line the children up in a straight line. Whisper today's Big Idea to the first child or another key truth they learned this month. Each child will repeat what they heard to the next child. The last child will announce out loud what was whispered to them. Share what was originally said. You can switch it up and let the last child be first in the next round.*
 - **TODDLER HACK:** *Play a toddler-friendly space-themed song ([like this](#)) and have a dance party with the toddlers.*
- **Did you know that there are hundreds of satellites floating above our Earth?**
- Satellites are machines that help us gather information about the weather, help us learn more about space, and help us connect with people all over the world.
- Let's pretend to be satellites, relaying (a fancy way to say "sharing") important truths with one another.
- Did you like being a "satellite" and "relaying" information to one another?
- Don't skip this step — tell others about Jesus.

ACTIVITY | Scrolls About Jesus

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each child brown construction paper or brown craft paper and have them glue down paper towel tubes to both ends. Then encourage the kids to draw a picture of Jesus or the events of today's story. You can also print out the memory verse (from your Graphics folder) and let them glue it onto the paper. Afterward, help them roll the ends toward the middle to create a [scroll](#). Prepare [elastic bands](#) that preschoolers can slip over their rolled-up scrolls to secure them closed. You can also purchase a set of scrolls like [these](#) to decorate.*
- You can hang your scroll up on the wall to remind you to keep sharing the good news about Jesus. **Don't skip this step — tell others about Jesus.**