

c|Life Preschool

Unit 2 Lesson 3 Philip Trusted God because God is Good

Heartprint: **I Can Trust God because He is Good**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 106:1**

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Link to our video large group: <https://youtu.be/7dZYp5U9sxM>

Song: *God Said So*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuuQfamr2xU>

Activity: *Act out the story*

Items Needed:

- Bible
- Magician hat or bag

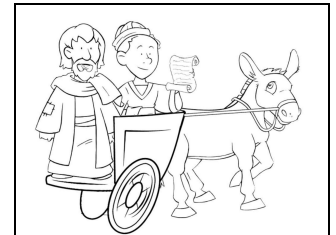
Instructions: Let the children take turns being Simon, Philip and the Ethiopian. Simon has the magician's hat/bag but it is not real. It's just tricks. The Ethiopian has the Bible and is reading the truth of God's Word. Philip explains that Jesus came to save us from our sins.

Connection Point: Simon tried using tricks to make people love him. Philip told people the truth that Jesus loved them and came to save them from their sins. The Ethiopian man was reading the Bible, but he did not understand what he was reading. Philip helped him understand so he could believe that Jesus is the true Son of God.

Craft: *Philip and the Ethiopian Color Sheet*

Items Needed:

- Crayons
- Color sheet
- Water color paints (optional)



Instructions: Give each child a Philip and the Ethiopian sheet to color.

Connection Point: As children color or paint their picture, remind them that the Ethiopian man didn't understand what he was reading until Philip explained to him that he was reading about Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins, but Jesus isn't dead...Jesus is ALIVE!

Bible Lesson: Philip Trusted God because God is Good

Items Needed:

- Magician Hat <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/517914025892584871/>

Memory Verse: “Praise the Lord! Thank the Lord because he is good. His love continues forever.” Psalm 106:1 ICB <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmFDRlgdCn4>

This week’s story is taken from Acts 8:4-40; Psalm 71:15-16:

Have you ever seen a magic trick? Every time I see a magic trick I am amazed and I wonder “How did they do that?” Today in our story a big crowd is amazed at two men. One is doing magic but the other is performing miracles from God. One is a trick and the other is a power only sent by God.

Let’s open our Bibles to Acts 8:

Philip preached the Good News of Christ everywhere God told him to go. Everywhere Philip went he did miracles to prove that God is all-powerful. Many weak and crippled people came to hear Philip and when they did they were healed. The crowds were amazed! Philip told everyone that God is good and Jesus is alive!

Simon also amazed the crowd, but he did it by doing magic tricks. Simon called himself “great” because he was able to draw such a big crowd.

Simon heard about Philip so he went to see Philip preach. Again Philip told the crowd that God is good and Jesus is alive! Simon heard and believed what Philip preached. Simon the magician was baptized and stayed close to Philip.

Then more apostles came and they laid hands on the people. Simon saw that when they did this there was *real power* to heal. Simon wanted power sent by God to the apostles. He went to the apostles and told them he would pay a lot of money to have that power. The apostles looked at Simon with their shocked face. Can you do a shocked face? They said this is not a trick Simon! The power of God is real! You cannot buy this power! Your heart is not right if you want to BUY God! Simon did not understand why this was bad, poor Simon was still trying to be powerful instead of telling the people about the all powerful God!

Philip understood this. He only went and did what God told him to do. One day an angel appeared and told Philip to go and run down this road. When Philip got there, he saw one Ethiopian man reading from the old Testament. Philip said “Do you understand what you are reading?” The man said “How can I?” Then he showed Philip what he was reading. The man was reading from the book of Isaiah in the Bible, and Isaiah was talking about Jesus! Philip told the man, “I can explain this! Isaiah was telling us that Jesus is coming and dying so that we can live!” The man believed right then what Philip told him...that God is Good and Jesus is alive! Then Philip baptized the Ethiopian man in water right there.

Philip trusted God. God called Philip to preach the Good News to a crowd, and God called Philip to preach to one man. God is good and He sends us out when we trust Him.

Simon wanted power and the ability to amaze crowds so the people would love him instead of God. However, God’s power is not for sale, it is not a magic trick, and we don’t preach so that others will love us.

When we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, he sends the Holy Spirit into our heart. The Holy Spirit shows us where God is calling us, showing us where to go to tell others the Good News. What is the Good News? God is good and Christ is alive!

Questions:

1. What did Simon do to amaze the crowds? (magic tricks)
2. Who performed miracles of God in front of the crowds? (Philip)
3. How did Simon think he could get the power of God? (buying it)
4. Who called Philip to preach to the crowd? (God)
5. Who was the Ethiopian man reading about? (Jesus)
6. Did the Ethiopian man believe right then, or was it later? (Right then)

