

ALLEY SG – May 9th- 10th, 2026

Bible Story: Philip and the Man from Ethiopia • Acts 8:26-40

Conversation Starter: What questions do you have about God?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIV

1. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: Paper (3 sheets per kid), Stapler, Markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a few sheets of paper. Show them how to fold them in half and staple them together to create a small journal.
- Have kids decorate the front cover with the title “My Big Questions About God.”
- Explain that this journal is a safe place for them to write down any questions they have about God, faith, the Bible, or anything else.
- Give them a few minutes of quiet time to write down their first question. Assure them that no question is silly or off-limits.
- If they're comfortable, invite one or two kids to share a question they wrote down.

Say: “It’s so important to have a place to ask your questions. Don’t ever stop being curious about God! The man in our Bible Story had questions about God, and his perseverance in seeking answers led him to the best news in the world. God isn’t afraid of your questions. In fact, He welcomes them!”

2. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bibles, “Bible Story Clues” Activity Page (one set per small group)

What You Do:

- Set the “Bible Store Clue” cards out in the middle of your space.
- Give each kid a Bible.
- Ask one of the Review Questions from the Bible Story out loud that are listed below. The Review Question will correspond to one of the cards from the “Bible Story Clues” Activity Page. (e.g., “What did the angel tell Philip to do?”).
- Have kids look up the Bible verse on one of the clue cards to see if that clue answers the question you asked.
- Continue until you’ve asked all of the Review Questions below.

Review Questions:

- What did the Ethiopian man want to do once he learned about Jesus? (Acts 8:36-37)
- What did the angel tell Philip to do? (Acts 8:26)

- How did the man from Ethiopia respond when Philip asked if he understood what he was reading? (Acts 8:30b-31)
- Who spoke to Philip and told him to go to the chariot and stay near it? (Acts 8:29)
- What was the Ethiopian man reading about in the book of Isaiah? (Acts 8:32b-35)

Say: “You had to search for those answers. The man from Ethiopia was searching for answers too. He was reading God’s Word, but he didn’t understand it. He persevered—he didn’t give up. And because God cared about him so much, God sent Philip to help him.”

3. Discussion Questions

- When you have questions about God, who can you ask?
- What if you don’t get answers to the questions you have—what can you do?
- What truths do you know about God? How can knowing these truths help you while you wait to find answers to questions you may have?
- What do you do when you have questions about God that don’t really have answers?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, “Emoji Verse” Activity Page (one set per kid)

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Galatians 6:9 using the Bible Navigation Tips below.
- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Give each kid a set of the five emoji cards.
- Have them cut or tear each emoji, so they have all 5 in front of them.
- Explain that they are going to “translate” the Memory Verse into emojis.
- Read the verse phrase by phrase and have the kids hold up the emoji that best fits each phrase.
 - “Let us not become tired” (🤔)
 - “of doing good.” (👍)
 - “At the right time” (🕒)
 - “we will gather a crop” (🌾)
 - “if we don’t give up.” (🙌)
- Once complete, challenge the kids to lay the emojis in the correct order and say the Memory Verse together.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- “God, thank You that You are a God who invites us to ask questions. Thank You for not being distant or scary. Help us to be like the man from Ethiopia—to keep searching and keep asking. And when we have those hard questions, help us to persevere and trust that You’re always with us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for a PRIZE!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, ask the kids to say one question they have about God!