

Philip: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: We serve a God of miracles.

SuperVerse: *The disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.* Mark 16:20 (NLT)

Bible Story: Acts 8:1–40

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Philip preached the Good News. He also performed many signs and wonders by God's power. The Gospel message that Philip shared is the same today; Jesus saves all who believe in Him.

- Superbook whisks Chris, Joy and Gizmo away to Samaria where they witness Philip, Peter and John teaching a local magician and his followers about the true power of the Holy Spirit. They run into Philip again and witness the baptism of the Ethiopian official. Chris is changed and awed by the power of the Holy Spirit and makes the first step towards baptism.
- Let's watch the Signposts video to learn more about Philip and see how he used God's power to serve others—just like Jesus!

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Signs Follow (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game about sharing the Gospel and God's confirmation.

- Our game represents what happened in our Bible story and still happens today. The Word goes out and God's power and miracles follow to confirm His Word is true.

Game Instructions:

- The team halves stand at opposite ends behind the marks or lines directly across from each other. The first players bat the "Preaching" balloons into the air to send them to the other side. As soon as a player reaches the line or mark, the next player with the "Miracle" balloon does the same with that balloon to the opposite mark or line. Continue until the last child on a team reaches the line with the "Miracle" balloon.

Teaching: Power to Serve (15 minutes)

Objective: Philip's ministry points to Jesus.

- Jesus tells us to desire God and what pleases Him, rather than the things on this earth like fame or possession; these things will not last. God and His Kingdom will never end!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Read Isaiah 55:6–7. Try to answer the two questions on your scroll. Pray each day for those who do not obey and serve Him, that they would come to know Him and do His will on earth.

SuperVerse: Superbook Substitution (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Jesus' disciples went everywhere, boldly preaching the Good News and performing miracles.
- Children cover their eyes. Using the list, change one or more words of the SuperVerse on the board at a time to alter the meaning of the verse, then have the children look at the board and raise their hands to tell you what word/s need to be changed. Write in the correct word/s, then repeat.

Prayer: Miracle Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He still performs signs and wonders today.
- Close your eyes and think of something that You need that only God can do. God is more than able to do it. In your heart, ask God by faith, believing that He will perform it.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Review Game: Play a game to recall important facts in the Bible story. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Craft: Make a carriage similar to what the Ethiopian man rode in. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Activity Page: Compare the two pictures to identify what is different. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Bible Activity: Look up verses about miracles performed in the book of Acts. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Four round balloons plus extras for breakage
- Optional—painters tape or masking tape
- Marker
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Three sheets of cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Seeker Scroll for any children who missed the previous lessons
- Sample craft from Lesson 1

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App