

## Philip: Lesson 2

**SuperTruth:** I will seek God above all else.

**SuperVerse:** “Seek the kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

**Bible Story:** Acts 8:1–40

### Game Materials Needed:

- Kingdom Sign
- Twenty empty water bottles
- Four tennis balls or small rubber balls
- Masking tape or painters tape
- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk

### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Four round balloons, plus extras
- Kingdom Cards
- Scissors
- Permanent marker
- Safety pin or sharp pencil to pop balloons
- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Seeker Scrolls
- Cardstock
- Sample craft made in Lesson 1

### SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- SuperVerse Card Page
- Scissors
- One sheet of cardstock per two children, plus extras
- One sealable sandwich bag per two children, plus extras.
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

In our lesson today, we will learn about seeking one thing above anything else; more than fame, power or success. In fact, seeking this will take us on a journey that never ends!

- 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 eunuch. Chris is changed and awed by the power of the Holy Spirit and makes the first step towards baptism.
- In our Bible Background video, we'll learn more about the places that Philip and the other apostles traveled to spread the Good News.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Bowling Game:** Seek-a-Bowl (15 minutes)

*Objective: Play a bowling game of priorities.*

- As followers of Christ, we need to keep God first and make His will a priority. Sometimes that means making changes to rearrange or even remove things from our lives.

*Game Instructions:*

- Players roll one ball at a time to try to knock the pins behind the sign. Once both balls are rolled, the players will quickly retrieve the balls and bring them to the next player in line. The first team to knock all of the bottles behind their sign wins.

**Teaching:** Seek and Find (15 minutes)

*Objective: Discuss pursuing God's kingdom first.*

- When we seek God's Kingdom first, it doesn't mean everything will go smoothly. The disciples faced rejection and persecution simply because they followed Jesus. However, God promises to give us all that we need even in the midst of adversity and difficulties.

*Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)*

- Read Psalm 37:4 daily and memorize it. Try to answer the two questions on your scroll. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray and let go of your desires; and instead, seek after what pleases God.

**SuperVerse:** Superbook in Order (5 minutes)

*Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- Seeking the kingdom of God is putting Jesus at the forefront of your thoughts and allowing Him to be Lord of your life. When we do that, everything else will fall into its proper place.
- Teams will empty their bag of cards in a pile on the floor and assemble the verse in the correct order. The first team to assemble the verse in order and stand up wins. Teams continue this way until all teams are standing.

**Prayer:** Priority Prayers (5 minutes)

*Objective: Communicate with God.*

- As followers of Christ, we must never stop seeking God to grow closer and stronger in our relationship with Him and to know His ways and will.
- Pray silently and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any things or desires that have become more important than seeking God in your lives. Next, silently ask the Holy Spirit to help you seek God more and to desire His presence in your life more than anything else.

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

**Match Game:** Play a game to seek after the things of God. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Coloring Activity:** Color a page from the Bible story. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

**Object Lesson:** Visually show seeking God above all else. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Bible Activity:** Race to find verses about seeking God. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min