

Philip: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: The Holy Spirit gives me power to share the Gospel.

SuperVerse: *By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving Him by spreading this Good News.*

Ephesians 3:7 (NLT)

Bible Story: Acts 8:1–40

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Welcome to a new Superbook adventure about a man of God named Philip. The Bible describes him as a man who was well respected, full of God's Spirit and wisdom.

- 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. Later, they run into Philip again and witness the baptism of the Ethiopian official.
- Upon their return home, Chris is a changed person. He has been awed by the power of the Holy Spirit and thinks about baptism and attends a Bible study!

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Good News Scatter (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to spread the Gospel.

- The believers in the early church needed to quickly flee from Jerusalem because they were being persecuted for following Christ. As a result, the Gospel spread outside Jerusalem!

Game Instructions:

- The rug represents Jerusalem. The paper balls represent the Gospel. Your job, as a believer, is to serve God by spreading the Good News. The four containers in the corners of the room represent areas outside of Jerusalem, such as Samaria, where the believers scattered.

Teaching: Privilege and Power (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how we serve God by sharing the Gospel.

- Philip began as a deacon in the early church and faithfully did his part, so the apostles could preach the Word and grow the church!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (5 minutes)

- Read 1 Chronicles 16:10–11. Then try to answer the two questions on your scroll. Pray and seek God each day.

SuperVerse: Superbook on Top (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Paul, the writer of the SuperVerse, knew what a privilege it was to share the Good News. We have the privilege of sharing the Good News so others can experience God's love and mercy, too.
- Erase words in the SuperVerse that are listed in the Word Bank. Read the SuperVerse slowly and stop at each space. Have the children raise hands to fill in the words using the words at the top.

Prayer: Power Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Everything that the disciples accomplished was not in their own power—it was only by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- On the board are some phrases that you can pray, or even better—pray in your own words for the power to share. We will pray now, and each person will have a chance to pray aloud.

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

Sharing Game: Play a game to share the Gospel. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Rolling Game: Play a game to release joy. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Maze Activity: Lead Phillip to the carriage and then to the water. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Activity: Look up verses to answer questions from the Bible story text. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Paper—four sheets per child plus extras
- Five containers to hold paper balls
- Five Index cards
- Marker
- Cellophane tape
- Timer
- Large rug, bedsheet or blanket
- Four Corners Pattern
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Yardstick or measuring tape
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Isaiah Scroll Pattern
- Table
- Two chairs
- Battery powered toy such as a car, action figure, or animal that walks
- Seeker Scroll Pattern
- Cardstock; one per child plus extras
- Pencils

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser

Prayer Materials Needed:

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