



Bible Story: I Need to Know (Philip and the Man from Ethiopia) • **Acts 8:26-40**

Bottom Line: Keep going even when you have questions.

Memory Verse: *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.. Galatians 6:9 (NIV)*

Life App: Determination—Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started

1. Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Read **Acts 8:26-40**
- *For older kids, work through the passages of scripture— spend time engaging in the passages with the kids. Think of questions you can ask them as you read these verses (Who, what, when, where, why how questions)*

Review Questions:

1. Who appeared to Philip in the middle of him telling people about Jesus? (*an angel of the Lord*)
2. What did the angel tell him to do? (*to leave and go to the desert road that led to Gaza*)
3. Who did Philip encounter while traveling on the desert road? (*an Ethiopian official*)
4. What was the man doing? (*he had traveled to worship God in the temple and was trying to read Scripture*)
5. What did God tell Philip to do? (*go to the chariot*)
6. And what did Philip do after he realized the Ethiopian official needed help understanding the Scripture? (*he told the man about Jesus*)
7. What big decision did the Ethiopian official make after learning all about Jesus? (*he got baptized*)
8. What happened to Philip after the man was baptized? (*God's Spirit took him away so he could continue telling people about Jesus*)

What You Say:

“Showing determination can be difficult when you have some questions holding you up, can't it? The Ethiopian official could have easily gotten frustrated when he wasn't understanding the words that were written about God. Have you ever had a question you just couldn't seem to understand? What did you do? (*Allow time for responses.*)

“Instead of letting his question hold him back, the man from Ethiopia let Philip help him learn more about who Jesus was. And you guys know the end of the story. His determination led to a pretty

amazing outcome! I wonder what epic story could be on the other side of our determination? Let today's story be a reminder that you can **[Bottom Line] keep going even when you have questions.**"

2. Discussion Questions

What You Do:

Ask:

- Why is it important to ask questions?
- What happens if we don't understand and we don't ask questions?
- When is it hard to ask questions?
- Imagine you are Philip. What question would you have wanted to ask the angel when the angel told you to leave Samaria?

What You Say:

"God wants us to ask questions, and He wants to answer them! And how does He answer them? In His Word—the Bible. **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a question you had about God or the Bible, and how you found the answer in God's Word.)** You might not always get a specific answer to your question in the Bible, but you can **[Bottom Line] keep going even when you have questions.** Keep going, keep learning about God, and keep asking those questions!"

3. Lesson Recap and Prayer Journal:

What You Need: Prayer journal, paper, something to write with

What You Do:

- As a family, **add to your prayer journal** or make a prayer journal if you have not already done so.
 - The Bible teaches us that the "the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (**James 5:16b**). We are encouraging you to make a family prayer journal. It can be as fancy or as simple as you want. An example is provided on our Kids at The Heights Facebook Page! A prayer journal can be a tool to record your prayer requests and thanksgivings. It can also help you grow your faith as you keep a record of how the Lord answer your prayers.
- Ask kids to quietly think about things they need determination for right now. It could be something they've talked about before or something new.
- Give kids time to pray out loud about those things if they want to.
- Don't force anyone to pray out loud if they don't want to. Encourage them to pray silently instead.
- Use the paper and pencil to take notes about the kids' prayers, to use as you pray.
- Finish with the prayer below.

What You Say:

"God, we are so thankful that You welcome our questions! Thank You that no question is too big or too small for You and You enjoy having conversations with us. I know there are times when we can easily get discouraged when we don't have the full picture that You see. We can get stuck on things we don't understand. Thank You so much for giving us the ability to have determination and keep going. I want to ask you to help [kid's name] keep going when [thing that kid prayed for] and for *(repeat for each kid)*, and for all the other prayers that were prayed silently. Help us remember this week that because You are a good God and have sent Your Holy Spirit to guide us, we can keep going even when we have questions. We love You so much, God. Amen."