

Philip and the Ethiopian Object Storytelling
& Crossword Puzzle
By Karen Whiting

(based on Acts 8:25-40)

Supplies: Large bag or basket with the following items
(or use paper cutouts with a flannel board)

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| 1. Angel | 5. Paper dove | 9. Cross |
| 2. Road map | 6. Running shoe/sneaker | 10. Heart |
| 3. Crown and coins | 7. Small Bible | 11. Water |
| 4. Toy wagon | 8. Toy sheep | 12. Party hat |
- (write rejoice on hat)

For flannel board or object story, explain that these objects will help everyone tell what happened with Philip and the Ethiopian. Ask students to help you tell the story and tell the children that at each part you will take out an object to help them answer your questions (or if someone answers right away, they can help take out the object).

The early church chose Philip to be a deacon. After that Philip's life took off in new directions. Philip became a great preacher, amazing even his friend Simon with signs and miracles that took place wherever Philip went. Many people listened to Philip and believed in Jesus.

Wow! Now it was Philip's turn to be amazed. Philip and Simon were traveling towards Jerusalem when a visitor arrived out of nowhere. Guess who? (Take

out #1-angel and give them time to guess) This angel of the Lord told Philip that God had a new plan for him.

What could that have been? (#2-Road map) The angel told Philip to change directions and walk South on a desert road. The angel didn't tell Philip how far to walk or why.

What would you do?

Yeah! Philip obeyed and started walking south. As Philip walked along he

saw an important man, an Ethiopian. His job made him important. Who did he work for and what was his job? (#3 Crown & coins, pantomime counting the coins) This man, an Ethiopian, was in charge of the Queen's money!

The Ethiopian man was sitting. Do you know where? (#4-Wagon or wheel) The vehicle is called a chariot. The Ethiopian sat reading when Philip heard a voice. Whose voice? (#5-Dove)

The Spirit spoke to Philip, telling him to go near the chariot. What did Philip do?(#6-shoe) He ran! Wow! He obeyed right away! He saw the Ethiopian's book. It was a _____ (#7- Bible). (Let everyone answer!)

Philip listened to the man read and then asked, "Do you understand what you're reading?"

What do you think he was reading from God's word? (#8 sheep). What are some passages about sheep in the Bible? (Talk about some then read Acts 8:32-33)

The Ethiopian said to Philip, "No, I don't understand. I have no one to explain the words to me. Help me."

Philip jumped into the chariot. He told the Ethiopian about Jesus. What do you think Philip told him? (#9 #10 cross and heart)

After listening to the Good News, the Ethiopian noticed something near the road. What did he see? (#11 water) The Ethiopian said, "Look, here's some water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?"

And that's what they did. They stopped and **splash!** Philip baptized the Ethiopian. Immediately after, **ZAP!** the Spirit (hold up dove) took Philip away.

How do you think the Ethiopian felt? (#12- party hat) He went on his way rejoicing! **Hallelujah!**

He didn't need Philip anymore.

Why? (Hold up #s 9 & 10 again) He

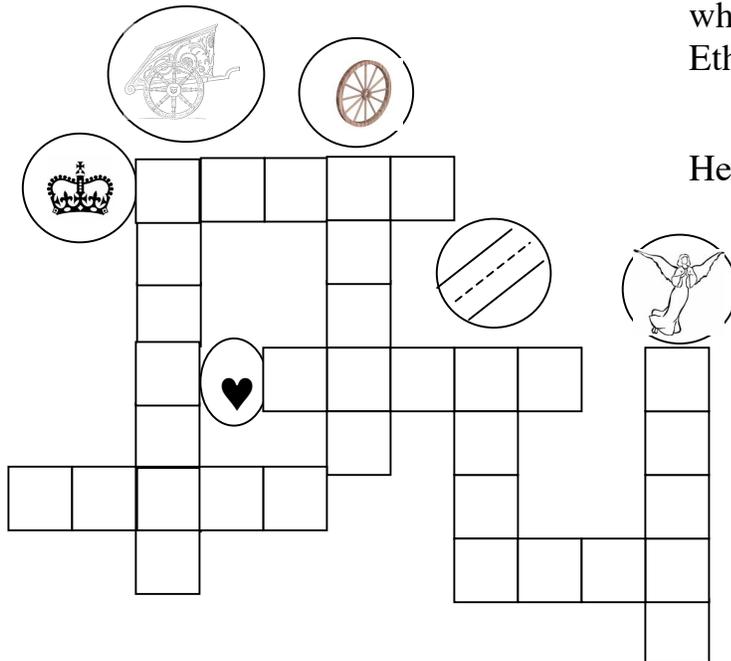
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Fill in the words of the symbols in the circles. Each picture is part of the story of what happened.

Fill in the words of the symbols in the circles. Each picture is part of the story of what happened that changed the Ethiopian's heart.



Here's a word list

Angel
Chariot
Heart
Crown

Road
Wheel
Cross
Dove