LESSON 8

THE GOOD NEWS REACHES AFRICA



Aim: **To teach the children how the good news of the Gospel spread, and to encourage them to be witnesses for Jesus.**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 8:26-39**

Memory Verse: **Romans 10:15**
And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

What do you do when you read and you find many words you don't understand? Give the class time to respond. You may stop reading that particular book or you may look up the words in a dictionary, if you can find one. The easiest thing is to ask someone for help.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. An apostle of Jesus named Philip once helped a man from the Sudan understand what he was reading, and so shared the Gospel with him.
2. Philip was busy preaching the Gospel in the province of Samaria when an angel told him that God wanted him to go to the road that led through the desert (8:4-5, 26).
3. Along the way, Philip met an official who had an important post at the royal court. He was a Nubian who served the queen in Meroe. He had accepted the Jewish faith and was reading from the Old Testament, when Philip caught up with his chariot (8:27-28). **Show Picture 8.**
4. The Holy Spirit told Philip to go up to the chariot (8:29). When Philip found out what the man was reading, he asked him, "Do you understand what you are reading?" "No," the man replied and invited Philip to explain it to him (8:30-31).
5. He was reading from the Book of Isaiah: **Read verses 32b-33 to the class.** Philip explained that that particular passage described the Lord Jesus. God the Father had sent the Son, and Jesus had died willingly for mankind's sins (8:34-35).
6. The man believed the good news about Jesus and was baptised (8:36-38).

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Our Response to the Story

How can you be like Philip, who was a witness for Jesus? Philip shared the good news about Jesus Christ with that man from a far-off country, and so the Gospel was spread far and wide. You, too, can tell the story of Jesus to all who will listen. You never know where it may lead to!

Instil the Memory Verse



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