

WEEK 3: Philip Teaches

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit guides us.

HANGOUT

1. Ask the kids to imagine that there's someone new at school who they have to show around.
Discuss:
 - What would you say or do to help them feel comfortable?
 - Which places would you show them so they could find their way around?
 - Is there any advice you would give them to make their first week easier?
 - How could you include the new kid with your friends to make them feel welcome?
2. Emphasize that God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us and guide us through life. Remind everyone that the three parts of God—the Father, the Son (Jesus!) and the Holy Spirit—make up the Trinity (“tri” means three, like a tricycle has three wheels).

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

3. Look up and review Philip's teaching in Acts 8.
4. Discuss:
 - When Philip went to Samaria, why were the crowds eager to listen to him (see verses 6-8)? (they wanted to hear his message, see miracles, have evil spirits cast out, be healed)
 - What was the name of the man who practised magic but believed in God because of Philip's teaching (see verses 9-13)? (Simon)
 - What mistake did Simon make (see verses 18-24)? (he thought he could buy God's power)
 - How did the new believers receive the Holy Spirit after being baptized (see verses 14-17)? (the disciples prayed and laid their hands on them)
5. Read verse 29 aloud again. If there's a good reader in your group, invite them to read it.
6. Discuss:
 - What did the Holy Spirit say to Philip?
 - Why do you think the Holy Spirit wanted Philip to be in that exact time and place?
 - What was the amazing thing that happened to Philip after he baptized the man (see verse 39)? (the Holy Spirit took Philip away)
 - Have you learned anything new from Philip's story? If so, what is it?

HUDDLE

7. Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit! Ask God to help everyone become more aware of the gentle, quiet voice of the Holy Spirit guiding them.
8. Encourage the kids to listen and talk with God for a few minutes each day this week.

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