

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Easter 5 – Year B		SOLA 
The Man from Ethiopia		
Readings	1) Acts 8:26-40 2) 1 John 4:1-11,12-21 3) John 15:1-8	
Scripture Focus	Acts 8:26-40	
Take Away	None	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Pics: https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/gnpi-philip-ethiopian/	
Message [With this message you can focus on the man asking for help to understand what he was reading, and we can all ask for help if we don’t understand something in the Bible, or that the man wanted to be baptized and Jesus said everyone should be baptized.] This week’s story is about Philip and a man from a country called Ethiopia. [Have them say Ethiopia.] One night, an angel said to Philip, “Get up and go down the road to Gaza.” Philip got up and went because when an angel of the Lord tells you to do something, you do it. As he was going down that road, he saw a man in a chariot who was in charge of the queen’s money. Do you remember the name of the country he was from? [Ethiopia] He came all the way to Jerusalem to worship God and he was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah where it said that Jesus was going to have to die for everyone. Philip went over to the chariot and asked the man, “Do you understand what you’re reading?” The man said, “How can I understand it if there’s nobody to help me?” So, the man asked Philip for help. So, Philip told him all of the good news about Jesus. In the story he also told the man about being baptized. As they were going down the road, the man saw some water and called out to the driver, “Stop the chariot!” He looked at Philip and said, “There’s water. Can I be baptized?” And Philip took the man into the water and baptized him. Do you remember where the man was from? [Ethiopia] It doesn’t matter where we live or what we do, God wants EVERYBODY to be baptized because he gives us special gifts when we’re baptized. Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, You knew what the man / from Ethiopia needed. You sent Philip to help him. Thank you for knowing us / and loving us. We love you. Amen.	