

Adventures with GOD!

HELP OTHERS (A.2.Winter.10)

Biblical Reference	Acts 8:26-40
Key Verse	Acts 8:35
Key Concept	I should help others to experience God's love.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Tell how Philip helped the Ethiopian 2. Pray for someone 3. Repeat the Bible verse

Life Application

It is truly through our actions that people recognize our true love for God. The story of Philip sharing the good news with the Ethiopian is an example that the children can learn from and follow. They too can love their friends and they can share the love of Jesus through their words and actions. It would be great for them to share the story today with one of their family members or friends.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Activity	Crayons	5 minutes
Opening prayer	Candle	1 minute
Game	Household objects	10 minutes
Bible exploration	Bible	10 minutes
Craft	Cardboard, shoe pattern, scissors, glue, crayons	10 minutes
Bible verse and snack	Disposable cuts, string	10 minutes
Closing prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Activity: While children arrive, have them share about how they have helped their family or friends in the past week. Invite them to help in the classroom. Use the words “help” and “helper” as much as possible today. In the following pages you will find a labyrinth that the children can complete as they wait for the others to arrive.

Opening Prayer: Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle.

Prayer: “God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen.” (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Game: Prepare ahead of time figures or objects that are used in the house (for example: an apron, a broom, a spatula, a cleaning cloth, etc). Ask them who uses these things and how they help the rest of the family. Later, imitate the actions (like sweeping or cooking) and the children have to try and guess the action.

Bible exploration: Open your Bible to where the story for today is found, Acts 8:26-40. Begin by telling the story in your own words. Here is a summary: “Philip was a man that loved God. He knew that Jesus had sacrificed his life to show us God’s love. Philip wanted to share the good news about Jesus with other people and he loved to go to different places and talk with people about God’s love. He wanted to be a good helper. One time, God told him to go to a road in the desert – where there was only sand, cactuses and very little water. Philip obeyed God and went to this place; there he heard a noise that sounded like horses coming. He turned around and saw a carriage, a royal carriage that belonged to a government official. This person was very important and he was in the carriage and he was reading God’s word, but he didn’t understand what it said. Philip approached the carriage and offered to help him understand God’s word. He was very happy and very open to receive Jesus’ love.”

Talk about the story: Who was Philip? Why did he go to the desert road? Who did he meet? What was the person in the carriage reading? I wonder how Philip felt as he waited on the road and how he felt as the carriage came closer. I wonder how the government official felt when Philip helped him understand God’s word and showed him God’s love. How do you feel when someone helps you? Or when you help others?

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Craft: You can use the pattern found in the following pages, to make a “shoe” for each child. Trace the foot of each child on a piece of card board. While you are working, talk about how Philip followed God’s instructions and went to the desert. He probably walked a long ways. God wants us to help others to hear about Jesus too. We might not have to walk far to find people we can share the story with. As you’re working on coloring the shoes, ask the children about people they know that would be happy to hear about God’s love. How can they show God’s love to their friends?

Bible Verse: Pull a string through the bottom of two disposable cups, then make a knot at each end so they don’t come out of the cups (it’s like a telephone). Ask the children to repeat the Bible verse to their friends on the other end of the phone. Give each child a turn to say the Bible verse.

Snack: While they eat their snack, tell a story of how someone helped someone else. Spend time praying with the children and asking God to help them show love to others.

Closing Prayer: Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle.

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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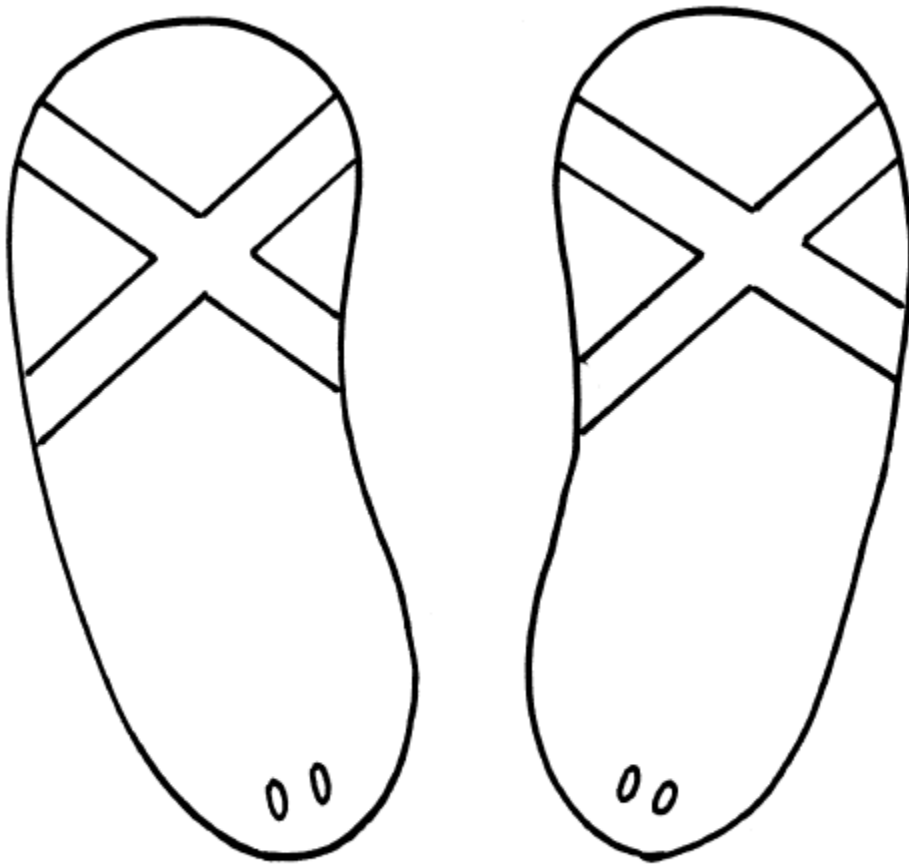
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