



## WHO CAN STUDY THE BIBLE?

**BIBLE VERSE:** All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

**BONUS VERSE:** The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God remains forever. *Isaiah 40:8*

**BIBLE STORY:** The Ethiopian Official Believed (Acts 8:26-39)

**BIBLE TRUTH:** We can study the Bible to learn more about what is true about God and ourselves.

Your child learned this week that the Bible is a book that everyone can study, and it is applicable today—even thousands of years after it was written. The story of Philip and the Ethiopian man found in Acts 8 helped them learn this truth.

As Philip was traveling, he met an Ethiopian official. This was a man who lived in a different context. He was of different earthly importance than Philip. He held power. He also came from a different religious background. Yet Philip saw him trying to decipher a scroll with God's Word on it. Philip approached the man and asked him if he needed it explained. Together, they saw that God's Word communicates how much God loves people, and Philip got the opportunity to share the gospel with and baptized the Ethiopian official. Although the two were vastly different, they had one thing in common: a need to be saved from sin. It is the very thing we have in common with them too.

Help reinforce to your children this week that just like the Ethiopian man needed God's truth, we do as well. Studying the Bible is of the utmost importance—not to make us more scholarly but to train our hearts to love the truth about both God and ourselves. The words that Philip and the Ethiopian official lived by are the same words we can live by and trust completely. Spend some time studying the Bible as a family this week. Through your Bible study, ask yourselves, *What was God seeking to teach through this passage?* and, *How can we learn more about who He is from this passage?* Demonstrating the habit of studying Scripture before your children is one of the best ways to help them develop this consistent studying in their own lives.

