

Today's Suggested Schedule—January 2026, Week 2

Today's Bible Story: Philip • Acts 8:26-35

I can hear from God.

Key Question: What does the Bible teach you?

Bottom Line: The Bible teaches me the best things.

Memory Verse: *"Your word is truth" (John 17:17 NIV).*

Supplies NOT Included In the Activity Bags

Lesson Activities

Memory Verse Activity- Animal Moves

Bible Story Review- Sharing God's Word

☐ Plush Friends

Craft- Hear From God

☐ Dot markers

☐ Stapler

☐ Glue sticks

☐ Permanent marker

Story Overview- Philip

The Bible teaches us that we can hear from God through Philip's story. Philip was a follower of Jesus, and he understood God's Word. So, when God told Philip to go and help a man sitting in a chariot understand God's Word, that's exactly what Philip did. Philip ran up to the chariot and explained what the man was reading from God's Word. The man was so happy, and he followed Jesus, too! Philip heard from God, and we can hear from God, too.

1. Memory Verse Review- Animal Moves

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

1. Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.
2. Invite the children to do them with you several times while doing fun animal moves.

What You Say:

1. "Friends, come stand with me, and let's say our Memory Verse together as we do the motions! Ready? 'Your *(point up)* word *(open hands like a book)* is truth' *(move index finger forward from mouth)* John 17:17 *(open hands like a book)*."
2. "In our Bible Story, there was a horse that pulled the man's chariot. Let's gallop like a horse while we say our verse. Gallop little horses! *(Pause.)* 'Your word is truth' John 17:17. Whoa, horses! This time, let's waddle like a penguin as we say our verse. Waddle little penguins. *(Pause.)* 'Your word is truth' John 17:17. Freeze penguins! This time, can you walk like a bear and say our verse? *(Continue walking like different animals, ending with a cheetah.)* This is our last animal. Cheetahs are really fast runners. Let's run like a cheetah but run in place! Ready? *(Pause.)* 'Your word is truth' John 17:17. And stop where you are!"
3. "The Bible is filled with God's words, and it teaches us the best things. In today's Bible Story, Philip listened to God and ran to find the man in the chariot. When Philip found him, he helped him read God's words and understand them. The Bible teaches us how to do what God says and love like Jesus. **What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things.**"

2. Bible Story Review- Sharing God's Word

What You Need:

- ☐ "Sharing God's Word" Activity Page
- ☐ Plush Friends

What You Do:

1. Arrange the plush friends around the room.
2. Encourage children to go one at a time to give a plush friend a Bible, help them understand God's words, and learn that Jesus loves them.

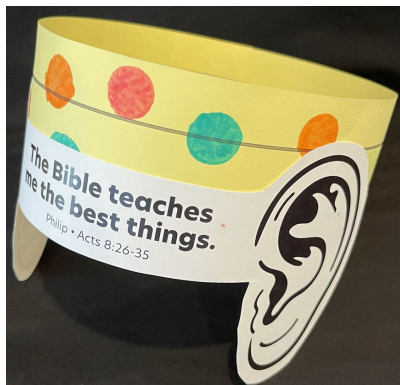
What You Say:

1. "Hello Friends! Come sit with me so we can play a fun game and talk about our true story from the Bible today."
2. "Do you see our plush friends around the room? When I say your name, I want you to take this little Bible and run fast to the plush friend. Then, give them the Bible and say, 'Jesus loves you.' Are you ready? Okay, [child's name], go find a plush friend and give them this Bible. (*Wait for child to go to plush friend.*) Tell the plush friend, Jesus loves you. (*Pause.*) Great job, [child name]! Now, it's time for another friend to go. Let's keep going until all of our plush friends have a Bible and have heard that Jesus loves them! (*Continue with each child.*) Great job, friends! (*Give each child a high-five.*)"
3. "You were just like Philip in our Bible Story today! You ran to the plush friend, and you helped them understand what the Bible teaches us ... that Jesus loves you! We can learn so much from the Bible because **[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things.**"

EveryChild Tips:

- Encourage children to move in different ways to meet the needs of every child.

3. Craft- Hear from God



What You Need:

- ☐ “Hear from God” Activity Page
- ☐ Heart stickers
- ☐ Dot markers
- ☐ Sentence Strips
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

1. Write each child’s name on their sentence strip.
2. Encourage children to decorate their sentence strip. Help children glue the top part of their ears to the strip, allowing it to hang down over the child’s face. Measure each child’s strip around their head and staple the ends together with the closure facing out. Ask children to place heart stickers over the staples.

What You Say:

1. “Today, we heard a story about one of Jesus’ friends, named Philip. He helped someone know what God’s words meant.”
2. “Did you know that when we read or look at pictures in a Bible storybook, we are hearing from God? We are! I have a fun way for us to remember that we can listen to what God tells us. *(Hold up a prepared headband.)* I’ve got these super fun ears for use to make! Decorate your paper strip and your paper ears. *(Pause.)* Fantastic! Now glue your ears to the strip so they hang down like this. *(Show your headband.)* Now I’m going to measure your strip around your head and secure the ends. *(Pause.)* See the staples right here? Cover them with the heart stickers. *(Pause.)* Now put your headbands on and let’s review today’s story.”
3. “Today’s true story from the Bible begins with a man named Philip. Philip was friends with Jesus, and Philip loved God. Philip helped the man in the chariot understand God’s words so he could hear from God. We can hear from God, too! We can hear from God when we read the Bible and look at the pictures, or when someone reads the Bible to us! The Bible teaches us how to do what God says and love like Jesus. The Bible has God’s words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! **What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things.**”