

First Look | January 11

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)

1. Hear from God

What You Need:

- ☐ "Hear from God" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Heart stickers
- ☐ Dot markers
- ☐ Self-inking stamps
- ☐ Sentence Strips
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Staples
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker
- ☐ Pre-made example



What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Hear from God" on cardstock and cut one per child. Write each child's name on their sentence strip.

During the Activity: 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.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today, we heard a story about one of Jesus' friends, named Philip. He helped someone know what God's words meant."

During the Activity: "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."

After the Activity: "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.**"

2. Pray

Dear God, thank you for giving us people to help us read the Bible and hear from You! We are so glad we can learn more about you from reading the Bible. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."