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BOOK FAIR

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Philip • Acts 8:26-35
I can hear from God.

MEMORY VERSE: "*Your word is truth." (John 17:17 NIrV)*

KEY QUESTION: What does the Bible teach you?

BOTTOM LINE: The Bible teaches me the best things.

OPENING ACTIVITY: Lasting Impressions

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Pass the Bible

CRAFT: Story Sequencing

CLOSING ACTIVITY: Bible Dash

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OPENING ACTIVITY | Lasting Impressions

What You Need:

- ☐ "Allergy Alert Poster"
- ☐ "Lasting Impressions" Activity Page
- ☐ Play-Doh®
- ☐ Building blocks
- ☐ Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:

***Before the Activity*:**

- Tape one cutout to each block with the hot glue lines facing out.
- "Hello, hello everyone! Come join me at the table, I have something fun for us to do with our Play-Doh today!"

During the Activity:

- Encourage children to flatten some Play-Doh, then press the block into it. Remove the block and discover the impressions made. Squish Play-Doh back into a ball and flatten, then press another block into it. Remove the block and discover the impressions made. Repeat as desired.

- "Take some Play-Doh and roll it into a ball, then flatten it out. *(Pause.)* Now press one of these blocks into your flattened Play-Doh. *(Pause.)* Lift it straight off. *(Help as needed.)* What do you see? *(Pause for answers.)* Wow! I see hearts; they remind us of love. And this *(point to an impression of the Bible)* is a very special book! You made a print of the Bible! Wow! The Bible is a very special book that is filled with God's words! Let's keep playing and exploring the prints we can make." *(Repeat as desired.)*

After the Activity:

- "Today, in our Bible Story, we are going to learn that we can hear from God when we read or listen to stories from the Bible and even look at pictures in the Bible. I'm so excited to know more about the things the Bible can teach us! Let's go hear all about it!"

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY | Pass the Bible

What You Need: Preschool Bible, worship song videos on TV (PLEX)

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:
***Before the Activity*:**

- Review the Memory Verse and Hand Motions. Encourage the children to sit in a circle with you.

- "Friends, come over and sit with me in a circle on the floor. Let's say our verse 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)*. Great job!

During the Activity:

- Encourage children to pass the Bible as the music plays. When the music stops, the child holding the Bible will stand up and lead the class in saying the verse. Continue until each child has a turn. Repeat as desired.

- "I've got a fun game for us to play to help us remember our Memory Verse! When the music plays, we'll pass the Bible around the circle. But when the music stops, if you are holding the Bible, you get to stand up and lead us in saying the verse. Here we go! *(Start music and let it play for a bit.)* Keep passing the Bible! *(Pause the music.)* Who's holding the Bible? (Look around.) [Child's name] is holding the Bible! Stand up [child's name] and lead us in saying our verse. *(With children.)* 'Your word is truth' John 17:17. Fantastic! Sit down and get ready to pass the Bible when the music starts. *(Continue until each child.)* Pass the Bible to me, please. *(Hold up the Bible.)* The Bible is amazing! It is filled with God's words, and it teaches us the best things!"

After the Activity:

- "Today in our Bible Story, Philip read God's words with the man and helped him understand. When we learn our Memory Verses, we are learning God's words! **What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things!"**

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CRAFT | Story Sequencing

What You Need:

- ☐ "Story Sequencing" Activity Page
- ☐ Preschool safety scissors
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Sandwich-size resealable bags
- ☐ Fun stickers

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:

Before the Activity:

- "Friends, come sit with me at the table."

During the Activity:

- Encourage children to color the picture squares on their paper, then cut along the dotted lines. Talk about the Bible Story and put the pictures in order. Ask children to decorate their bag with stickers so they can repeat and review at home.

- "Today we're going to make some story cards we can use to help us remember our Bible Story. The pictures on your paper are all from our story. Color each one. *(Pause.)* Now use the scissors and cut along the dotted lines. *(Help as needed.)* Great! Now, let's review! Put your pictures in order as we review. Ready? Our true story from the Bible begins with a man named Philip. Philip was friends with Jesus, and he loved God. Can you find the picture of Philp? There's a heart with Jesus on his picture. *(Pause.)* Great! That picture goes first. One day, an angel told Philip to walk down a road where he saw a chariot. Do you see the picture of Philip walking on the road towards the man in the chariot? *(Pause.)* Put that picture right next to the first one. Then God told Philip to go to the chariot, so Philip ran and when he got there, he heard the man reading God's words. Do you see the picture of Philip next to the man in the chariot *(Pause.)* Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading and the man said no. So, Philip sat with him, and they read God's words together. Do you see the picture of Philip and the man reading together? *(Pause.)* This picture goes next in your line. Philip helped him understand God's words so he could hear from God. Great job! Now put your cards in your bag and decorate it."

After the Activity:

- "Philip and the man in the chariot read together, and Philip helped him understand God's words. We have people who can help us read the Bible and understand God's words, too! Take your bag with your story pictures home so you can play at home with someone else, and you can tell them the true story from the Bible! Isn't that great! ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you?** ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things."**

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BIBLE STORY

Open Bible for children to see, then set it down.

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a man named Philip. Philip loved God, and he was friends with Jesus, God's Son.

"One day, an angel told Philip to walk down a road, and when Philip did … he saw a chariot! A chariot is a fancy cart pulled by a large animal, like an ox or a horse.

"God told Philip to go to the chariot, so Philip stopped walking and RAN up to the chariot. *(Stand up and motion for children to stand with you.)*

"Can you stand up and run in place? *(Run in place.)*

"Run, run, run! Go faster—we've got to get to the chariot! *(Slow down and then stop running.)*

"Phew! We made it. Let's sit back down now. *(Motion for the children to sit down and then sit down.)*

"When Philip got to the chariot, he could hear a man reading God's words. Philip asked him:

"Do you understand what you're reading?" (Acts 8:30 NIrV).

"The man said: *"How can I? … I need someone to explain it to me."* (Acts 8:31 NIrV)

"So, Philip sat with the man in the chariot. They read God's words together, and Philip helped him understand God's words.

"Philip *told him the good news about Jesus (Act 8:35 NIrV)* and that Jesus wanted to be his friend forever.

"Wow! Philip helped the man understand God's words so he could hear from God. We can hear from God too! *(Open your hands like a book.)*

"Can you open your hands like a book? *(Hold up your Bible.)*

"God gave us a special book that we call the Bible. It has God's words in it. We can open the Bible and look at pictures. We can read the Bible on our own.

"And God gives us people to help us understand the Bible, just like the man in the chariot had Philip!

"Maybe it's someone in your family, or maybe it's the people here at church—like me! I love you so much I want to teach you about God.

"The Bible is the best, and the Bible teaches us that we can read God's words and hear from God. ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: ***[Bottom Line]*** **"The Bible teaches me the best things!"**

LEADER: "Yes, ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things.**

"Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER - Dear God, thank You so much for giving us the Bible. You give us people who help us hear from you when we read the Bible. Help us learn more about you, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSING ACTIVITY | Bible Dash

What You Need: Preschool Bible, painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO & SAY:
Before the Activity:

- Designate one side of the room as the "Bible Station" where the leader will stand holding the Bible. Place a long, straight line of tape on the opposite side of the room.

- "I have a fun running game for us to play that will help us remember something very special about the Bible!"

During the Activity:

- Invite children to stand on the tape line. Leader will call several children at a time to run to the Bible. Children run to the leader and the leader opens the Bible and says the **Bottom Line.** Leader closes the Bible and asks children to run back. Continue until each child has a turn. Repeat as desired.

- "Everyone come line up on this tape line. *(Pause.)* Stay on the line and I'll go stand on this side of the room with *(hold up the Bible)* the Bible, and when I call your name, run to me. Ready to listen for your name? *(Call several children's names.)* Whoa, you are super-fast runners! Stand with me and listen. *(Open the Bible.)* ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things!** Amazing! Run back to the line. *(Call another group of children.)* You're super-fast too! *(Open the Bible.)* ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things!** Run back to the line. *(Continue until all the children have a turn. Repeat as desired.)* This time, EVERYBODY run! *(Pause.)* What does this *(hold up Bible)* teach you? *(Pause for responses.)* ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things!** That's right! Say it again! ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Bible teaches me the best things!"**

After the Activity:

- "Today in our Bible Story, we learned that Philip listened to God and ran to help someone read and understand God's words! 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."**