

GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

DISCIPLES MAKE
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MEMORY VERSE

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." **Luke 9:23 (NLT)**

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: THE GREAT COMMISSION

READ - Matthew 28:19-20

Before Jesus went back to Heaven, He gave His disciples some important instructions. One of those instructions is to make disciples of all people. The good news spreads when we tell others about Jesus. And when people choose to follow Jesus with their lives, they become a disciple. Then, those new disciples can tell even more people about Jesus, and the truth keeps spreading farther and farther. **Remember: Disciples Make Disciples!**

DAY 2: RISE AND GO

READ - Acts 8:26-29

First, the angel of the Lord told Philip to "rise and go..." Did Philip get up and go? Yes! He obeyed God immediately! While he was traveling to Gaza, Phillip met an important man who was not yet a follower of Jesus. If Philip had not left right away, would he have met the man? Probably not! Philip would have missed out on the cool moment God had planned for him. When God asks you to "Go", do you obey right away? **Remember: Disciples Make Disciples!**

DAY 3: SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

READ - Acts 8:30-35, Romans 10:15

The Ethiopian was reading from the book of Isaiah and didn't understand what he was reading. He asked Philip to explain it to him. Philip shared that the scripture was talking about Jesus and how He died for us. So the Ethiopian got to hear about Jesus and he even chose to believe in and follow Jesus! When you share truth from God's Word with someone, and they choose to believe in and follow Jesus with their life, God just used you to make a disciple!

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DAY 4: DO NOT FEAR

READ - 2 Timothy 1:6-8

Sometimes you may not choose to share about Jesus with others because you let fear get in the way, or you doubt that God can use you to make a difference in someone else's life. So what can you do when you feel this way? You can pray and ask God to help you not give into those lies. You can pray and ask for the power and strength to do what God tells you to do. We should never let fear or doubt stop us from sharing about Jesus. **Remember:**

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DAY 5: ALWAYS SHARE

READ - Matthew 9:35-37, Deuteronomy 31:8, John 3:36

You may share about Jesus with someone and never see them make the choice to follow Jesus. But do not be discouraged! You are called to obey God, share the truth, and never stop praying for them. What happens after you share about Jesus is between that person and God, and every person has to make the choice for themselves. There are many people who need to hear about Jesus. Pray and ask God to give you what you need to be a disciple who makes disciples. **Remember: Disciples Make Disciples!**



WALKING WORLD

Materials: map (physical or digital), "Good News Feet" printable, markers, scissors, paper brad

Use a map and find Ethiopia in Africa. Then find Jerusalem in Israel. Find the Gaza Desert. How far did Philip travel to reach the Ethiopian official? Remember, he probably walked all the way! That's a lot of walking! Philip lived in a time when Christians were being mistreated, by the religious leaders and the Romans, because of what they believed. This caused the disciples to scatter to different parts of the world and the Body of Christ grew even faster. The people who spread out from Jerusalem were ready to talk about Jesus.

Print the "Good News Feet" template. Follow the instructions on the page to form a "walking world" paper craft. Go ahead and put "feet" on what you've learned! Name two things you and your family can do this week to share about Jesus with others.



AGED SCROLL

Materials: paper, scissors, marker/pen

The Ethiopian was reading scripture off of a scroll. Create your own "aged" memory verse scroll.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place 2-3 tea bags into a mug used for hot beverages.
2. With an adult's help, carefully pour hot water over the tea bags and allow it to set for about 5 mins.
3. While your tea is brewing, write the memory verse on the paper using a pen. (Luke 9:23)
4. Spray your paper with a little water and crumple it into a ball. Then, smooth it out again. Crumple it a few more times for a more wrinkled appearance.
5. Lay the paper on a baking sheet.
6. Dab one of the tea bags on the paper. Continue doing this over the entire paper.
7. Flip the paper over and stain the back.
8. Allow the paper air dry overnight.
9. Once the paper is dry, place a straight line of glue or glue dots down the short sides of your paper and place a wooden dowel on top. Allow time to dry.
10. Once dry, roll the paper up from the edges with the dowels to the center of the paper.
11. Use a ribbon to tie your scroll together.



FILLED WITH PRAISE

Materials: rocket balloon, "Filled with Praise" script

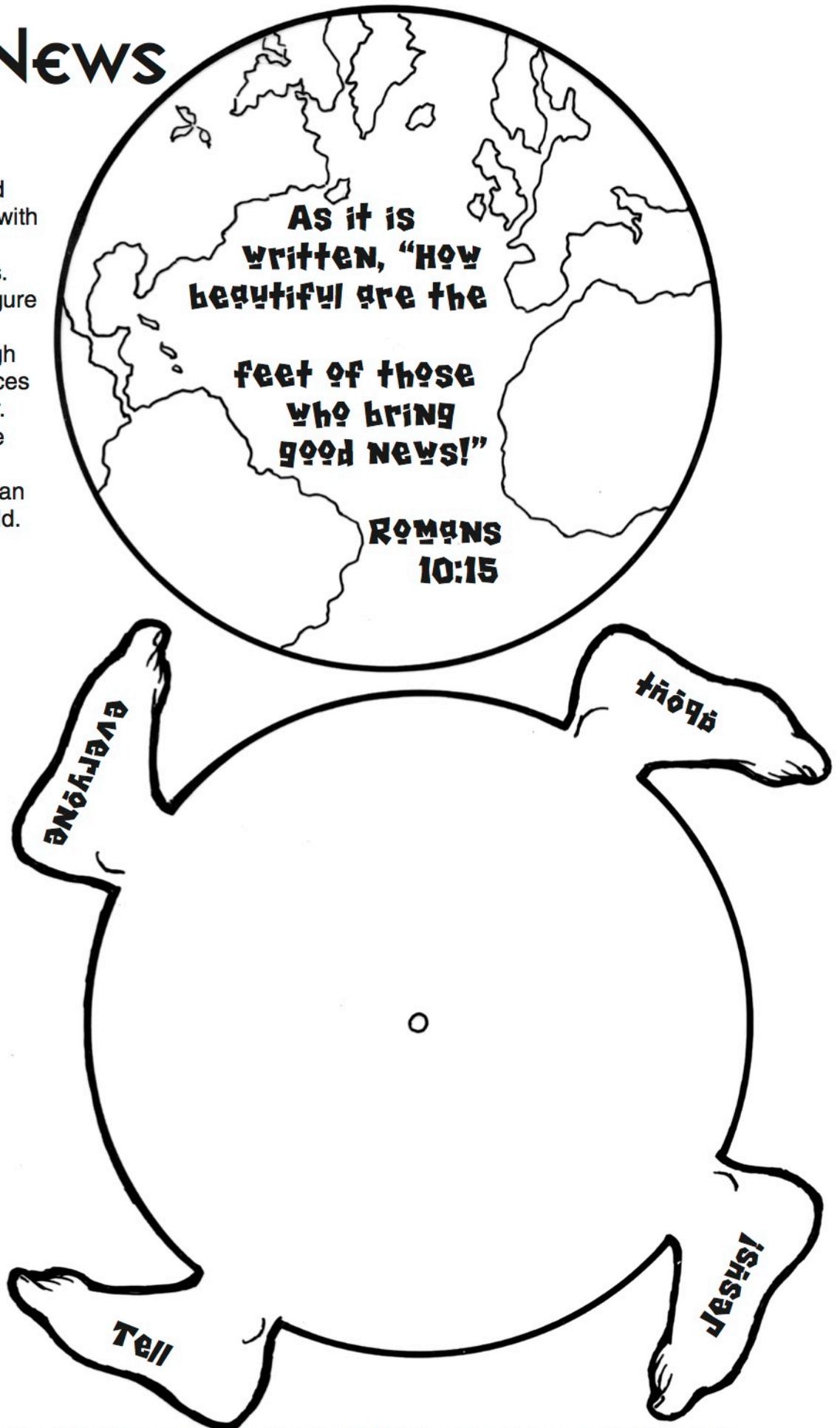
You can be like Philip and share about Jesus with others! Philip obeyed God by telling the Ethiopian about Jesus. When the Ethiopian heard God's truth, he asked God for forgiveness of his sins and chose to follow Jesus! The Ethiopian went on his way rejoicing!

Use the balloon and script to practice sharing the story about Philip and the Ethiopian. When you are ready, use the balloon and script to share this true story with someone you know. Disciples make disciples and it begins by sharing about Jesus with others.

Good News Feet

Let's be like Philip and share the good news with everyone.

1. Cut out both figures.
2. Place the "world" figure over the "feet" figure.
3. Insert a brad through the center of both pieces to hook them together.
4. Fold the ends of the brad flat, but loose enough that the feet can "walk" around the world.



Filled with Praise!

There's a Bible story from the book of Acts about a man who worshipped God because of the amazing way he learned about Jesus. This man is a great example of someone who responded to God with worship. Let me tell you the story. I have a balloon here to help me tell it.

The man was from Ethiopia and was traveling near Jerusalem. One day as he sat in his chariot, which is a cart on wheels pulled by a horse, he was reading the Scriptures and wondered what they meant. *Blow a little bit of air into the balloon. Immediately pinch the balloon so air doesn't escape and make noise.*

Suddenly a man named Philip ran up to him and began explaining the Scriptures to him! Philip taught the man that the Scriptures he was reading were all about Jesus. *Blow a little more air into the balloon, and pinch the balloon so it doesn't make noise.*

The Ethiopian man was very excited and believed everything Philip told him. He was filled with wonder and joy in the Lord. *Finish blowing up the balloon.*

What's happening to the balloon? It's expanding, getting filled up just as the Ethiopian did. The Ethiopian's heart filled up with praise and love for God when he learned about Jesus. Then worship just spilled right out of him! *Stop pinching the balloon, and let the balloon fly through the air and make a "joyful noise."*

The Ethiopian went on his way, rejoicing and praising Jesus. I'm sure he told many others what God had done. God wants us to be filled with praise, too, just as the Ethiopian was.