



Philip and the Man from Africa



Forty days after Easter, Jesus left His disciples and returned to heaven. Some time after that an angel came to Philip, a believer in Jesus. The angel said, "Go south to the desert road that leads out of Jerusalem." Philip did as the angel said. On the way, he met a man from Africa who was riding in a chariot pulled by horses. The man was very important. He was in charge of the treasury money of Candace, an African queen.

The man was returning home from worshiping at the temple in Jerusalem. He was sitting in his chariot reading from the Bible. "Do you understand what you are reading?" asked Philip.

"I need someone to

explain it to me," answered the man. So Philip sat with the man in the chariot and explained that the Bible verses were about Jesus, our Savior from sin.

Philip explained, "Jesus died on the cross to take away your sins and the sins of the world." The man believed the Good News that Jesus is our Savior. As they rode along, they saw a small pond of water. The man from Africa asked to be baptized. So Philip and the man went down into the water. Splash! Splash! Philip baptized the man in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. How happy the man from Africa was! He went home filled with joy.

Jesus washes away
our sins.



Parents: Talk with your child about Baptism. Remind your child of the events that occurred on his or her Baptism day or the day you were baptized. Point out that Baptism is a kind of washing and cleansing because Baptism is connected to God's Word and promise, so our sins are washed away through Jesus our Savior. Baptism is a special gift from God.

