

## WEEK 4

### LESSON GUIDE

## ONE STEP

### BIG IDEA

Don't skip this step — tell others about Jesus.

### BIBLE

Phillip in Ethiopia: Acts 8:26–40

Heroes meet in the Youth Room for worship.

### WELCOME TIME

#### ACTIVITY | Spacewalk Tag

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pick one or two children to be "it." The rest of the children will spread out around the room. "It" will chase the other children around the room. When they get tagged, instead of freezing, they need to walk in slow motion like they're going on a spacewalk.*
- **Did you know that in space, when something starts to move, it doesn't stop but keeps going?**
- The same is true when we share the good news about Jesus. Once we tell someone, that someone will tell someone else, and the message will go on and on.

### STORY TIME

#### SCRIPTURE | Acts 8:26–40 (Phillip in Ethiopia)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Gather the children. You can dim the lights and turn on a galaxy projector or consider dressing up as an astronaut to be a storyteller in space.*
- Hey, space explorers! Let's review the steps that we've taken in our mission for Jesus. **Let's all stand up and take one step forward for each Big Idea.**
  - Take the first step — believe in Jesus.
  - Take another step — pray for others.
  - Take a big step — the Holy Spirit makes us brave.
- **Ready to hear one more important step in our mission?**
- We'll learn that from the story of Phillip. Phillip knew all the steps. He believed in Jesus. He prayed for others. The Holy Spirit made him brave. That's why when an angel of God told him where to go, he obeyed. Turns out, there was someone God wanted him to meet.
- Philip met a man from Ethiopia. He was an important and intelligent man. But he was reading Scripture and didn't know what it meant.
- It's a good thing Phillip showed up. Philip knew that this was why God sent him here. Phillip explained to the Ethiopian man that he was reading about Jesus.

- The Scripture the man was reading was from Isaiah. Isaiah was a prophet who received messages from God. Isaiah wrote about someone who would die even though he had done nothing wrong . . . all so the world could be saved. That person was Jesus.
- The Ethiopian man decided to follow Jesus. He even asked Phillip to baptize him in the water that was nearby. He wanted to show that he was going to start a new life as a follower of God. So Phillip did that.
- Philip knew that following Jesus meant sharing the good news with others. He took *one small step* to obey God and helped the Ethiopian man take his first step toward God.

**BIG IDEA** | Don't skip this step — tell others about Jesus.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write each word of the Big Idea on a piece of black poster board in glow-in-the-dark paint. Hide them around the room and turn off the lights. Let the kids search for the words. Once they find all of the words, lay the words out in a row on the ground. Have the kids step word to word while saying them aloud with you. Then have them all say it again with these hand motions:
  - **Don't skip** (Wag a finger.)
  - **This step** (Take a step.)
  - **Tell others about** (Cup hands around mouth.)
  - **Jesus** ([This sign](#) for "Jesus.")

**VIDEO** | One Small Step, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).

**ACTIVITY** | Satellite Relay

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Line the children up in a straight line. Whisper today's Big Idea to the first child or another key truth they learned this month. Each child will repeat what they heard to the next child. The last child will announce out loud what was whispered to them. Share what was originally said. You can switch it up and let the last child be first in the next round.
- **Did you know that there are hundreds of satellites floating above our Earth?**
- Satellites are machines that help us gather information about the weather, help us learn more about space, and help us connect with people all over the world.
- Let's pretend to be satellites, relaying (a fancy way to say "sharing") important truths with one another.
- **Did you like being a "satellite" and "relaying" information to one another?**
- **Don't skip this step — tell others about Jesus.**

**PRAYER**

- Dear God, thank you for giving us Jesus. Help us tell more people about him. Amen.

**SHARING TIME**

**ACTIVITY** | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Invite the children to sit in a circle. Allow them to toss a "[rocket ship](#)" (Nerf football) or roll a planet (jelly ball) to one another. The person who catches it can answer the question.
- **Who got a message from an angel of God?** Phillip.
- **Who did Phillip meet?** A man from Ethiopia.
- **What was the man reading?** Scripture, something from Isaiah.

- What did the Ethiopian man ask Phillip to do for him? Why? *To baptize him in the water. He wanted to follow Jesus too.*
- Who should we tell about Jesus? *Everyone.*

**MEMORY VERSE** | Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

- "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Say the memory verse aloud for the kids as you do the hand motions. Have the children repeat after you but be sure to segment the verse to help kids get the words and motions correct.
  - **The heavens** (Sweep your arms over your head to the right.)
  - **Declare** (Cup hands to mouth.)
  - **The glory of God** (Hands spread out and gesture up into the sky.)
  - **The skies** (Sweep your arms over your head to the left.)
  - **Proclaim** (Cup hands to mouth.)
  - **The work of his hands** (Hold up both hands and wave them.)

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**PLAY TIME**

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**ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute the [coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.