

Philip, one of the chosen seven, was really good at telling people about Jesus. Everyone was amazed when they saw lame people walk and evil spirits driven away through the power of Jesus. Philip baptised all the people who wanted to follow Jesus. There were so many new believers that Peter and John came over from Jerusalem to meet them. They prayed for the new believers to receive the Holy Spirit, too, so that they could have his power to help them to serve God.

At this time, a very important man was on his way home from Jerusalem. He was the Queen of Ethiopia's treasurer. He loved God and wanted to learn more about him. As he rode home in his chariot, he was reading from the Bible.

God guided Philip through the Holy Spirit to him, and he ran up to the treasurer's chariot. When Philip saw that the man was reading the Bible, he asked him if he understood it.

"How can I, without someone to help me?" replied the Ethiopian.

He invited Philip to get into the chariot with him and explain the chapter he was reading. Philip agreed, and as he explained the chapter he told the treasurer about Jesus.

After a little while they drove past a pool of water. "I believe everything you have told me," said the Ethiopian, "and look! There is some water! Can't you baptise me now, so that I can be a follower of Jesus too?"

They got out of the chariot and Philip baptised him. Then the Ethiopian treasurer drove home happily, eager to tell his friends in Ethiopia about his new faith.

Actions for words:

God = point up

Jesus = Point to each wrist

Bible = Open hands like a book

Holy Spirit = make flames with hands

Chariot = mime holding reins

Baptise = hold nose and lower head