

# PARENT CORNER

## weekly

TODAY: MAY 9-10

**Bible Story:** Philip and the Ethiopian *Acts 8:26-40*

**Big Idea:** God is in Control

**Focus:** God is in control and He seeks us out.

**Memory Verse:** "Lord, you are great and powerful... Everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you." *1 Chronicles 29:11, NIV*

### Bible Story Summary:

*Read Acts 8:26-40, 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9; Psalm 96:3; Mark 16:15*

An angel instructed Philip to travel a desert road where he encountered an Ethiopian official reading the book of Isaiah. The Holy Spirit guided Philip to approach the man, who invited him to explain the Scripture. After hearing about Jesus, the official believed and asked to be baptized. Philip baptized him, and as they emerged from the water, the Spirit took Philip away. The Ethiopian man continued his journey, rejoicing. God's plan for salvation was for all nations, not just the Jews.

### He Question: Why does God seek people out?

God is love. He loves people and desires for everyone everywhere to know, love and serve Him.

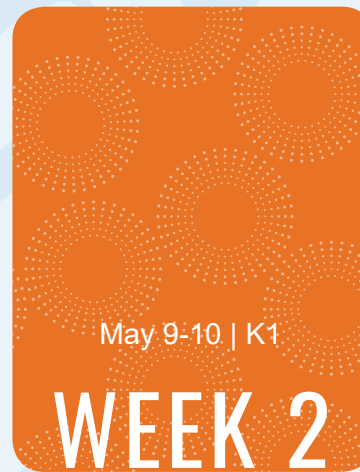
### We Question: How can other people know God?

God can use us to share the Gospel, or His good news, with others so they can have a relationship with Him.

### Me Question: How is God inviting me to respond?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.

Ask your child if they remember a time where they finally "got it" Maybe share a moment that you remember. (ex: finally learning to ride a bike, learning to tie their shoes, or learning to read. Have them share with you one moment. You tried and tried and eventually you figured it out. This was how the Ethiopian felt when Philip told him about Jesus. Jesus chose you and he wants you to be like Philip and share the good news of Jesus to everyone. Pray and ask God to put someone in your day that you could share Jesus with.



## DAY 1

**READ** *1 Chronicles 29:11*

You are working to memorize this verse for the month. Let's go outside to help you practice. With the help of a parent, write the verse on the ground with chalk. You could write it in order, or if you're up for a challenge put them in a random order. Next, say the verse and as you say it, jump on each word. Play a few times. Time yourself and see if you can go really slow and then speed it up to see how fast you can complete it.

**Did you write the words in random order or did you put them in the correct order?**

**What was your fastest time in completing the verse?** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICE** this verse so you remember that God is in control.

## DAY 2

**READ** *Mark 16:15 & Psalm 96:*

There are several kinds of delivery trucks in town. I'm sure you know that blue amazon truck or the brown UPS truck. The drivers of the delivery trucks all have important jobs. They go to homes and businesses to deliver packages. God wants you to be His delivery person. He wants you to deliver the good news to everyone you meet. God has picked you and you have the honor of telling the world the good news of Jesus.

**Find a box and write a short note to put inside. Then, deliver it to your sibling or grandparent and tell them "Special delivery! Jesus loves you."**

**KNOW** that God loves you and seeks you.

# DAY 3

**READ Acts 8:26-40**

This week you learned about how God sent an angel to Philip. Philip obeys the angel and travels on a road where he finds an Ethiopian man who needed to hear and understand about Jesus. God seeks you out. Just like God used Philip to tell this man about Jesus, He wants to use you to share the good news with others so they can have a relationship with Him.

With the help of a parent, answer the following questions about the Bible story.

An angel told Philip to go to the desert road. **True or False**

The man from Ethiopia was riding in a boat. **True or False**

The Ethiopian understood what he was reading when Philip came by. **True or False**

When the man saw some water, he wanted Philip to baptize him. **True or False**

**BE THANKFUL** that God loves you and seeks you.

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

**Return for 5 Bible Bucks!**

## parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

# DAY 4

**READ 1 Timothy 2:3-4**

Take a moment and think about a key. They are small and can usually fit in your hand. Even though the key is small, it has a big job. It is the only thing that can open the door or start the car. This verse shares that you are just like this key. You may be small, but you have a big job. God wants to use you to tell others about Him. You don't have to wait until you are a grown up to share God's love to others.

Take a moment and pray. Thank God for seeking you out. Ask Him to help you to be brave and have the courage to share about Him to others.

**PRAY** and thank God that He is in control and He seeks us out

## at a GLANCE



### Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

May 16-17 3rd Grade

May 30-31 4th Grade

### FOURTH GRADE GRADUATION IS MAY 30-31

All school age kids will be promoted to the next grade on June 6-7.

### Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

Come to church ..... 1 Buck

Bring your Bible ..... 1 Buck

Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck

Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_