

BANANA NEWS



GO DEEPER

SPECIAL WORDS

DISCIPLES

(HOLD HANDS OVER HEART)

MAKE DISCIPLES

(OPEN ARMS WIDE)

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: TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

READ - Matthew 28:19-20

Before He left, Jesus gave His friends the very special job of telling others about Him. *Gather a few toy cars and pretend to go places. Use couch pillows and other toys to mark your house, other family members' houses, and places your child is familiar with (grocery store, park, church, grandparents, etc.)* Talk about who you will see at each place you visit. Practice telling those people about Jesus. **Remember: Disciples Make Disciples!**

DAY 2: OBEY RIGHT AWAY

READ - Acts 8:26-29

Play a game of "Red Light, Green Light." 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, he met an important man who was not yet a follower of Jesus. If Philip had not left right away he might have missed out on sharing Jesus with the Ethiopian. When God asks you to "Go", obey right away! **Remember: Disciples Make Disciples!**

DAY 3: ASK FOR HELP

READ - Acts 8:30-35

Say some big words and ask your child if they know what the words mean. Remind your child they can ask for help to learn what the word means. (EX: exuberant (joyful), indignant (angry), remorseful (sorry)) Sometimes we need help to understand things. The Ethiopian didn't understand what he was reading from the Bible, so he asked for help. Philip shared that the verses he was reading were talking about Jesus. Once the Ethiopian understood, he chose to believe in and follow Jesus! Who can you ask to help you learn more about Jesus? **Remember: Disciples Make Disciples!**

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: Disciples Make Disciples!**

DAY 5: ALWAYS SHARE WITH EVERYONE

READ - Matthew 9:35-37, Deuteronomy 31:8

Jesus told the disciples that the "harvest" was plentiful: He meant there were many people who needed to hear the good news. This is still very true today! The good news of Jesus is not just for people that look a certain way, or treat us nicely. Jesus wants us to share His love with everybody! **Remember: Disciples Make Disciples!**



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

Use a map and help your child 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. Put feet on what you've learned! Name two things you and your family can do this week to make Jesus come alive to others.



AGED SCROLL

Materials: 2-3 tea bags, card stock, pen, baking pan, glue or glue dots, 2 wooden dowels, ribbon

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. Have an adult 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.



CUDDLE CLOSE

Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "I can tell people everywhere about Jesus!" As you tuck them into bed sing, "Go" (www.tinyurl.com/yancygogogo). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:

Dear God,

Thank you for Your great big love. Help me go and tell the story of Jesus and His love! In Jesus' name, Amen.

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