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## Meditate on God's Word

### Philip & the Ethiopian Man

In Acts chapter 8, a man named Philip was told by an angel to go on a road in the desert.

While he was walking, he met a man from Ethiopia who worked for a queen. This man was reading a big book but didn't understand it.

Philip ran up to him and asked, "Do you know what you're reading?" The man said, "How can I unless someone teaches me?" So, Philip hopped into his chariot and started to explain the book, which was about God's love and Jesus.

The Ethiopian man listened carefully and believed in Jesus. He saw some water and said, "Look, water! Can I be baptized?" Philip said, "Sure!" So they stopped, and Philip baptized him right there in the water.

After that, Philip disappeared, and the Ethiopian man went home super happy because he learned about Jesus and made a new friend in his heart. And that's the story of Philip and the Ethiopian man.

Imagine you have a super cool comic book, but you don't know how to read it. You'd need someone to help you understand the amazing stories inside, right? That's like the Bible. It's a special book with God's words and big ideas about love and kindness.

Now, think about Philip and the Ethiopian man. The man had the Bible, but it was like a puzzle he couldn't solve. Philip was God's hero who knew all about the Bible and could explain it. When Philip helped him, the Ethiopian man learned about Jesus' love and became super happy!

Philip wasn't stumped when the Ethiopian asked him about the Bible passage he was reading. Philip used that passage to show him that Jesus was the promised Messiah. As a result, the Ethiopian gave his heart to Jesus and was baptized.

How wonderful would it be if this is the year you lead a friend to Jesus? You can do it. You just have to be ready.

### Power Point

Think about  
God's Word  
because we  
become what  
we think.

### MEMORY VERSE

Luke 6:45,  
"The mouth  
speaks of what  
the heart is full  
of."

### Object Lesson: Dirty Glass

**Items needed:** 1 dirty glass, 1 clean glass

**Say:** Once a Mother didn't know if the glasses in the dishwasher were clean or dirty, so she held them up to the light to see if there were any spots on them.

**Hold up** the dirty glass and then hold up the clean one.

**Apply:** If we aren't sure whether something we want to do is right or wrong we should hold it up to the light of God's Word.

**Meditate:** Since the Bible is really the Word of the living God, then it only makes sense to learn as much about it as you can. A daily habit of reading, thinking about and memorizing God's Word will strengthen you in your Christian walk.

What would you consider to be the greatest treasure in the whole world?

The jeweled crowns that belong to the queen of England?

An old pirate's chest full of gold coins and jewels?  
A diamond mine?

Think about all the "earthly treasures in your own house and your own bedroom. What is the most important thing to you?

A famous king of Bible times, King David, wrote in Psalm 119:72, "The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold."



## Year 2—Quarter 1 Bible

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### Small Group Game/Activity

Have the kids introduce each other and tell one thing they learned over the summer (or vacation, etc.).

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 8:26-40

Who was Philip?

What was the Ethiopian reading?

What did Philip tell the Ethiopian about Jesus?

Why did the Ethiopian want to be baptized?

Why is it important that we be ready to answer questions about Jesus?

### SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

Please use us this year to share Jesus with our friends, and make us ready to answer questions about you when we are asked.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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### Meditation: Both Dangerous and Helpful

**Define Meditate:** The dictionary definition of meditation is to ponder, or to dwell in thought.

In Psalm 119:97 the psalmist says, *“Oh how I love your law! I will meditate on it all day long.”* As we meditate on God’s Word, it will become more ingrained in our hearts, so meditation itself, is not wrong.

**Harmful Meditation:** However, there is some subject matter which can be harmful to ponder. You can count on the Holy Spirit to let you know when something is wrong. As you participate in martial arts, yoga, and some alternative teaching methods in public school, let your knowledge of God’s Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit keep you safe from secular mysticism.

Do you remember the story of Daniel’s three courageous friends who were honored by

God because they refused to bow in worship to King Nebuchadnezzar?

Today’s humanistic or pantheistic worship is much more subtle. For example: if you are told in school to “picture” something while meditating, simply picture something from the Bible, like: you are a sheep and Jesus is your loving Shepherd.

God can help you learn to listen to that quiet urging inside you as part of your ongoing relationship with Him.

**Helpful Meditation:** The Bible tells us that meditation on Scripture is the way to become wise and blessed. Think on God’s Word over and over and it will take root in your heart and feed your daily thoughts.





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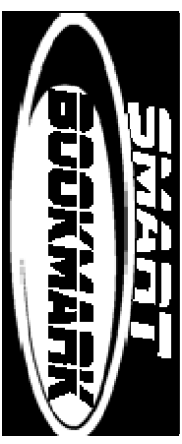
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