

Run Philip run

It's our birthday! Messy Church is 7 years old. Happy birthday Messy Church.

And since we last met, the church celebrated its birthday – the festival of Pentecost. This is the time we celebrate that after Jesus went back to heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit to be with his followers. It was just like having Jesus with them, helping them and guiding them. Jesus' friends told everyone they met about Jesus, so the first church was formed and continues today. We are part of that church and know Jesus is always with us.

Our story today is 'Run Philip run'. Philip, one of Jesus' special friends, was told by God to go into the desert. Philip was puzzled, but the Holy Spirit nudged him to run fast and catch up with a chariot. As Philip ran besides the chariot, he met a man from Ethiopia who was reading a scroll, verses from the bible. He invited Philip to sit in the chariot and Philip told him about Jesus. The man from Ethiopia decided that he too wanted to follow Jesus and when they came to a river, he was baptised.

Listen to the full story, with Andrew and friends, on the Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church Facebook page, from 4pm on Sunday 14th June.

Crafts you can try at home:

Make a chariot

You will need: boxes, paper plates, glue stick, sellotape, rope/string, coloured paper

Cut out a three-sided chariot shape from a box. Use other boxes and coloured paper to decorate.

Use paper plates or circles of card for wheels and attach rope/string.



Windsock

We cannot see the wind but we can see what the wind can do.

Just like the wind, we cannot see the Holy Spirit but we can see what the Holy Spirit can do in peoples' lives. We see acts of kindness, patience, love and healing.

You will need: a paper plate or a circle of card, tissue or paper strips, scissors, felt tipped pens, sellotape, stickers, glue stick, short piece of thread

Cut the paper plate, or circle of card, in half.

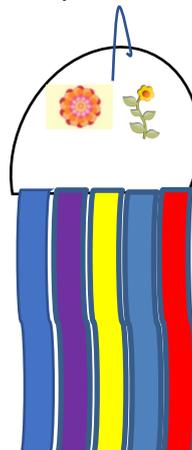
Decorate the inside of one half of the plate and the outside of the other half.

Cut strips of tissue paper 25 cm long and 4 cm wide.

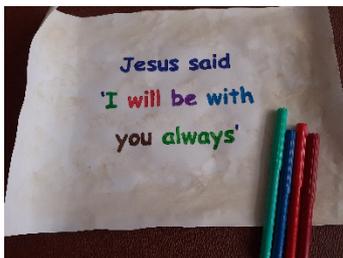
Glue the strips next to each other on the non-decorated inside of one half plate.

Glue the other half of the plate, on the non-decorated side and stick on top.

Make holes at the top and attach thread



Make a scroll



Make a scroll out of paper and two sticks.

Try aging the paper by dabbing with a wet teabag.

Write on the scroll the words Jesus said to his disciples just before he went back to heaven: Jesus said 'I will be with you always'. (Matthew: 28:20). Colour in the letters and then glue the sticks on to the sides of the paper.



It is Messy Church's birthday so here is an idea for making small cakes to celebrate.

Ingredients:

112 grams butter or margarine
112 grams self-raising flour
112 grams caster sugar
2 eggs
½ teaspoon vanilla essence (optional)
Tablespoon Icing sugar (optional)
Cherries (optional)

You will need:

Mixing bowl
Tablespoon and teaspoon
Scales
Electric mixer
Cupcake cases or fairy cake cases
Baking tray
A small bowl or large cup

Preheat the oven to 170 c/gas mark 3

Put the fairy/cupcake cases onto a baking tray or into a bun tin

Put the butter or margarine into a mixing bowl together with the sugar.

Using the electric mixer (you may need a grown up to do this bit for you) mix the butter and sugar until the mixture is light and fluffy.

Using the small bowl or cup, crack the 2 eggs into the bowl and mix carefully.

When the eggs are beaten, gradually add them (a little at a time) to the butter and sugar mixture.

Add the vanilla essence.

Gently fold in the self-raising flour.

Put a tablespoon of mixture into each cup cake.

Put the baking tray or bun tin into the oven and cook for 12 minutes.

When they are cooked, put them onto a cooling tray and allow to cool down completely.

When they are cold, mix the icing sugar and water together to make a smooth, stiff mixture.

Spread a little icing on each cup cake and top with a little bit of glace cherry.

I have put a letter on each of my cakes. Can you read what it says?



Philip and the Ethiopian Word Search

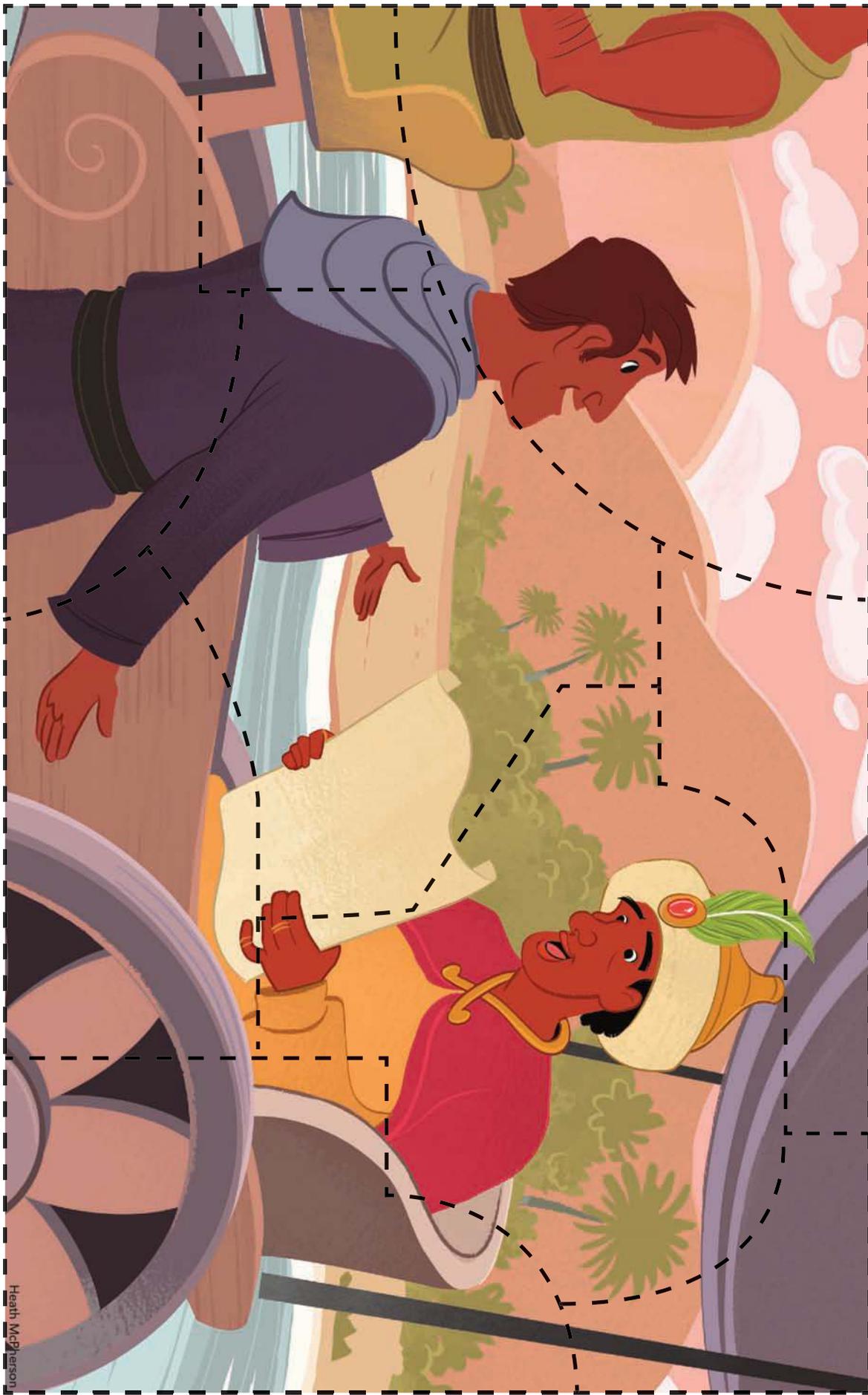
Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

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A O M R Q N G A Z A A I A H N
C T R A O F G B F J M Z T U U
H V B G X C Y E E S A H E L A
A K O S I H G R L X R L R I A
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P H I L I P V L U I Y K D I I
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J E R U S A L E M R I P I Z N

ANGEL	FORGIVENESS	JESUS	SINS
BAPTIZED	GAZA	PHILIP	WATER
CHARIOT	ISAIAH	ROAD	
ETHIOPIAN	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA	

Philip and the Ethiopian Official Jigsaw Puzzle

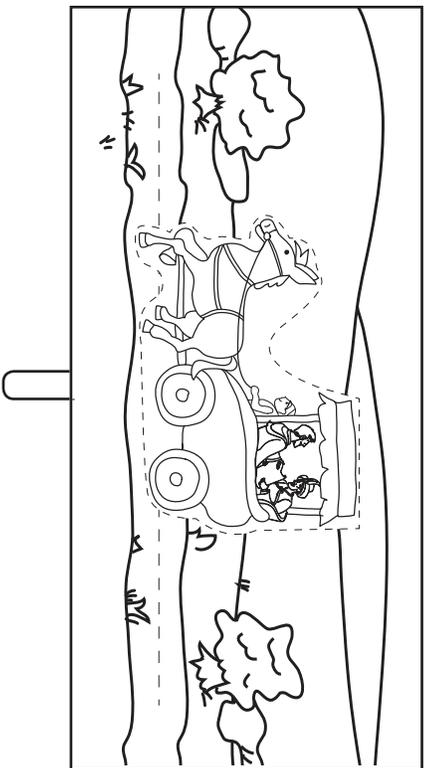
Cut the puzzle apart on the dotted lines, mix the pieces up, and put the picture back together.



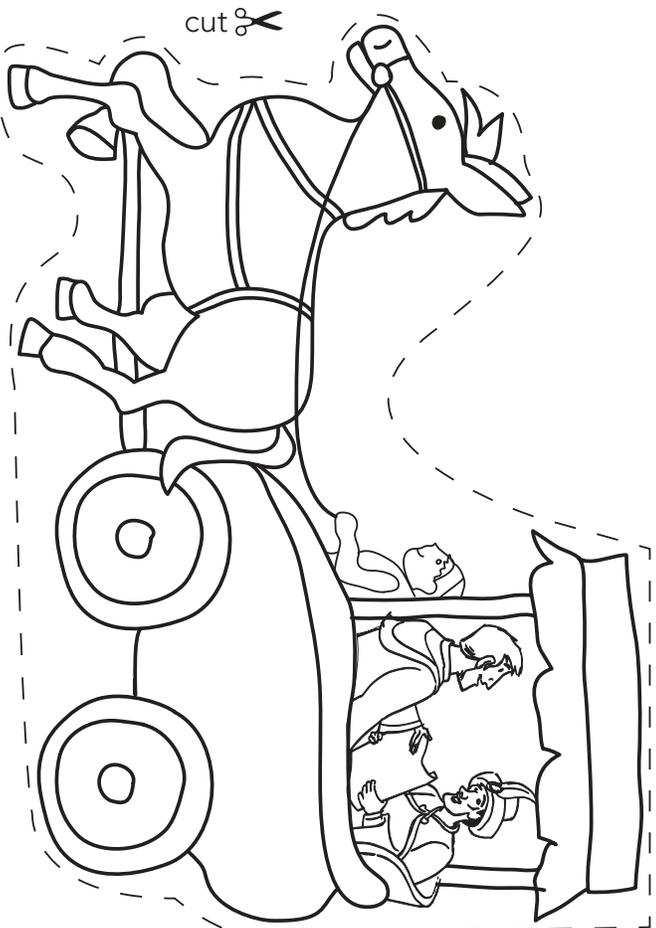
Craft "Bible Story Scene"

Instructions: One copy per child. Cut apart Bible story puppet. Children color the scene and puppet. Tape a craft stick to the puppet and cut the slit where indicated on the Bible story scene. Children can insert the puppet and move it along in the scene.

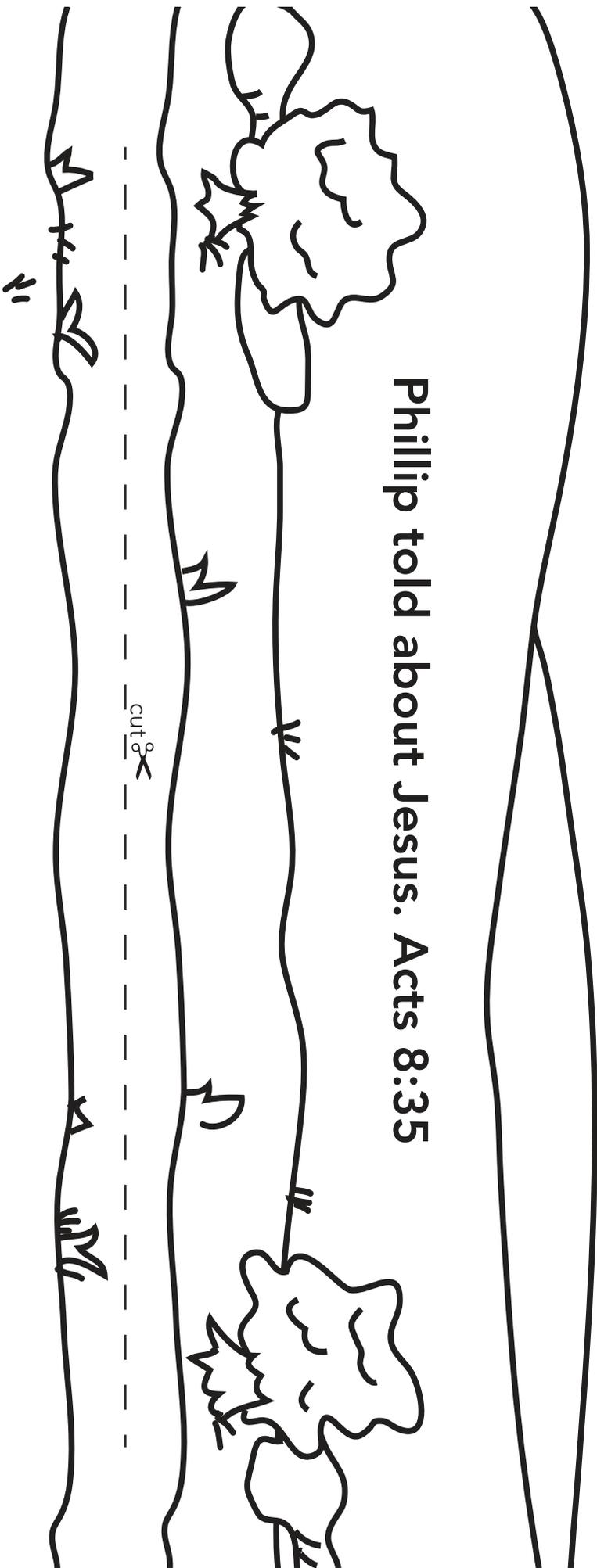
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Phillip told about Jesus. Acts 8:35



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