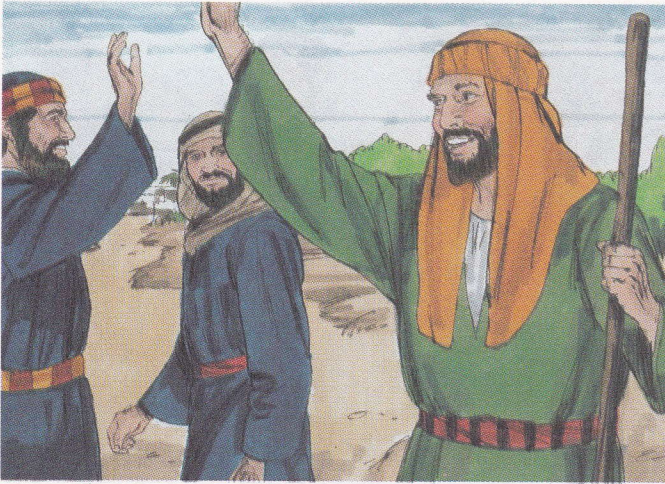


The Ethiopian Traveler



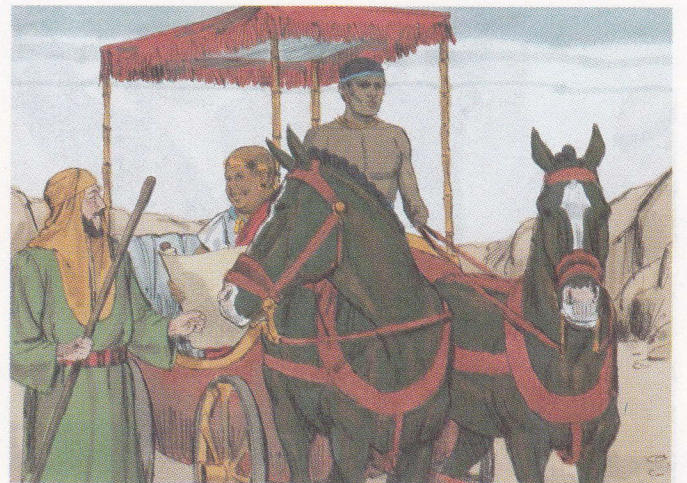
1 Philip was on his way along the road that goes south from Jerusalem through the desert to the town of Gaza. An angel of the Lord had instructed him to go there.



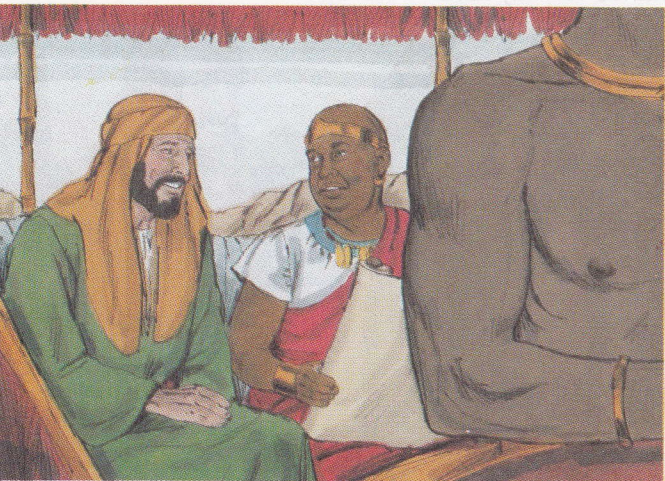
2 On the road Philip met an Ethiopian eunuch. This man was an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians.



3 The Ethiopian eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship the Lord. On his way home, he was sitting in his chariot reading from the book of Isaiah the prophet.



4 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." When Philip went up to it, he heard the man reading Isaiah out loud. So Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"



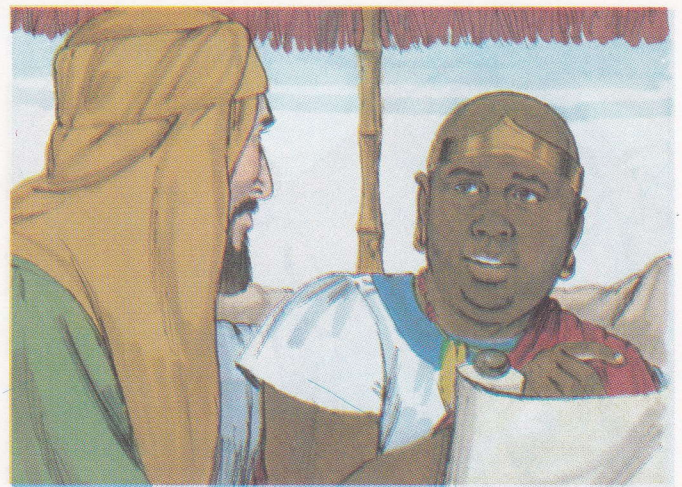
5 "How can I," he replied, "unless someone explains it to me?" Then he invited Philip to sit with him in the chariot.



6 The eunuch was reading this passage: "As a sheep led to the slaughter or a lamb before its shearer is dumb, so he opens not his mouth."



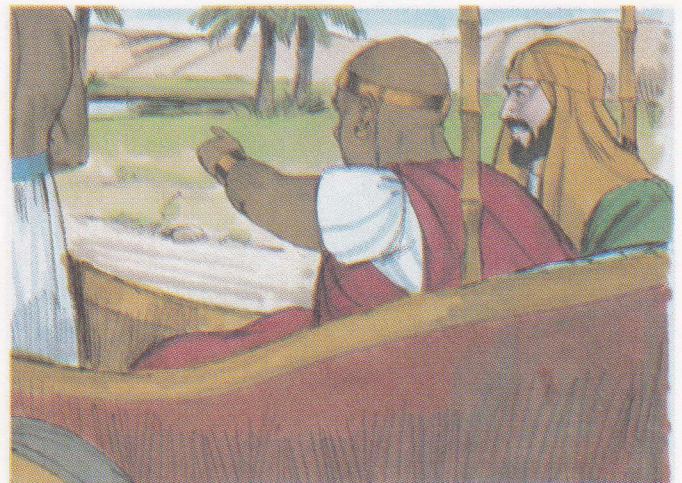
7 “In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken up from the earth.”



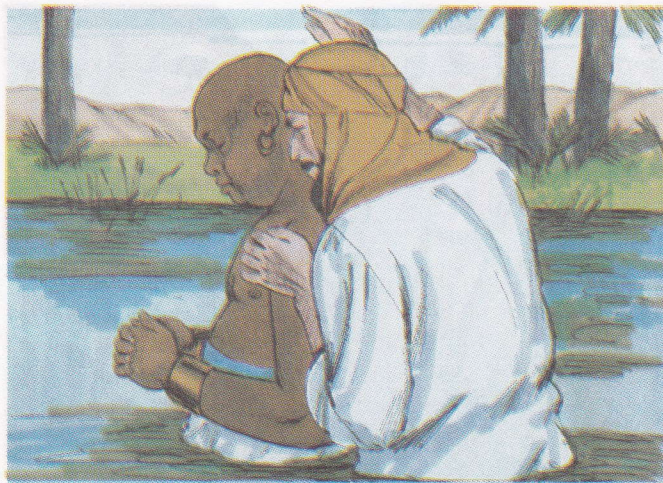
8 The eunuch asked Philip, “Who is the prophet talking about? Is it about himself or someone else?”



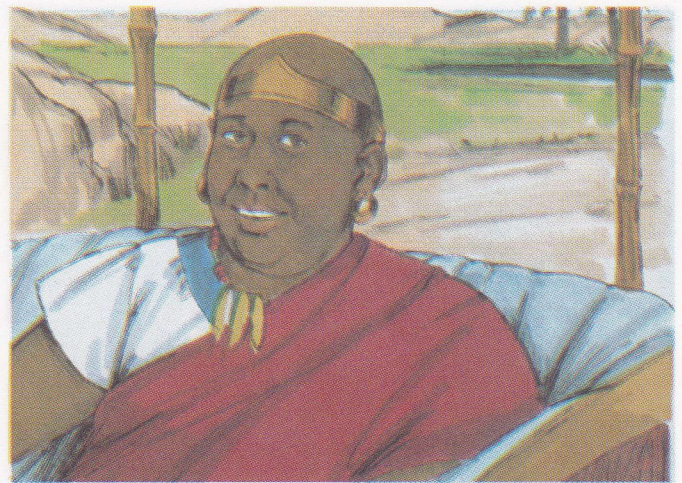
9 Philip began with that passage of Scripture and told the eunuch the good news about Jesus.



10 As they were traveling along, they came to some water. The Ethiopian said, “Look, here is water. Is there any reason why I cannot be baptized?”



11 He ordered the chariot to stop. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.



12 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away. The eunuch did not see him again but went on his way rejoicing.