

Approach. Philip had a call to do a special work for God.

Lesson story. The narrative as given, but simplified.

"Mother," said Harry, "did you ever feel as if you had to do something that nobody asked you to do?" "What do you mean?" asked his mother—"what kind of things?" "Well, now, to-day, after school, I was coming by Mrs. Taylor's house and saw her wood pile. There wasn't anyone near me, and yet something almost like a voice seemed to say, 'You ought to go in and chop some of that wood for that poor old lady.' I tried to come along by, for I wanted to play ball with the boys, but the voice wouldn't let me; so I went in—and I was glad I did when I found she hadn't a bit in the house." "Yes, indeed, my dear, I have many times had to do things in that way; but I think you made a mistake when you said that no one asked you to do it. The voice that you heard was God's voice, the Holy Spirit, urging you to do work for Jesus—for you know he has said, [Matt. 25. 40.]"

God spoke to Philip one day, not just as he spoke to Harry or as he speaks to us, but he sent an angel to tell Philip to go south on a road that runs through a desert country. Philip went, of course, but did not know what he was to do there. As he went along the road he saw a chariot coming, and in it was a ruler from Africa who had been to Jerusalem to worship in the temple. The Spirit told Philip to go near the chariot, and when he did so he found the man reading from the prophet Isaiah—for he had bought that part of the Scriptures in Jerusalem. He was reading aloud a part which told about Jesus, who would come to save the peo-

ple he invited Philip to come into the chariot with him, and Philip told him all about Jesus, and he believed, and was so glad to know that Jesus would save him from his sins that he wished to be baptized right away. They came soon to a place where there was a river, and Philip baptized him, and then the Ethiopian went on his way home to take the Gospel story to his own people.

Special Primary Suggestions.

GOLDEN TEXT: "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10. 10.

Introduction. Thought to impress: that if we understand and believe a message, and the one who sends it, we will be willing to say so and to follow one whom we trust. Illustrate by supposed case. A great Leader wants men to follow and help him; he sends messages to many asking for their help. One man who gets a message does not understand, but says, "There is such a one—he knows this Leader better than I do. He will tell me just what this means." After it is explained the man feels in his heart that all is right and wishes to follow. Then he is willing to confess—that is, tell it out—that he is a follower of this Leader. After this he follows and obeys. Believing is with the heart, telling is with the mouth, and obeying and following mean doing whatever one is told, and in the right way, at the right time. Explain Golden Text and drill upon it. Believing unto righteousness means trusting what Jesus has done; that is right, and taking his goodness for ours, trying to do as he wishes. Confession unto salvation is being willing to tell that we trust Jesus to save us, and because he does save us we confess that we are his.

Lesson story. Points to impress: God sent Philip on an errand without telling him just what it was. Philip went where he was sent, and found out. The Ethiopian did the best he could in reading God's word, though he did not understand it very well. Anyone who does the best he knows is sure to find out more. God will send him help, as he sent Philip to this man. As soon as this Ethiopian had a chance to get help he used the chance, inviting Philip to ride with him, and as soon as he understood God's word, and who Jesus was, and what Jesus wanted him to do, he trusted Christ to save him. was willing to tell it out that he was Jesus's friend and follower, and ready to do what Jesus said.



ple from their sins. Philip asked him if he understood what he read. He answered, "How can I, if no one explains it to me?" and then