

Bible Stories for Young Children

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PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN

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ACTS 8:26–40

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**An angel of the Lord
came to Philip and said,
'Go to the
lonely desert road
between
Jerusalem and Gaza.'**

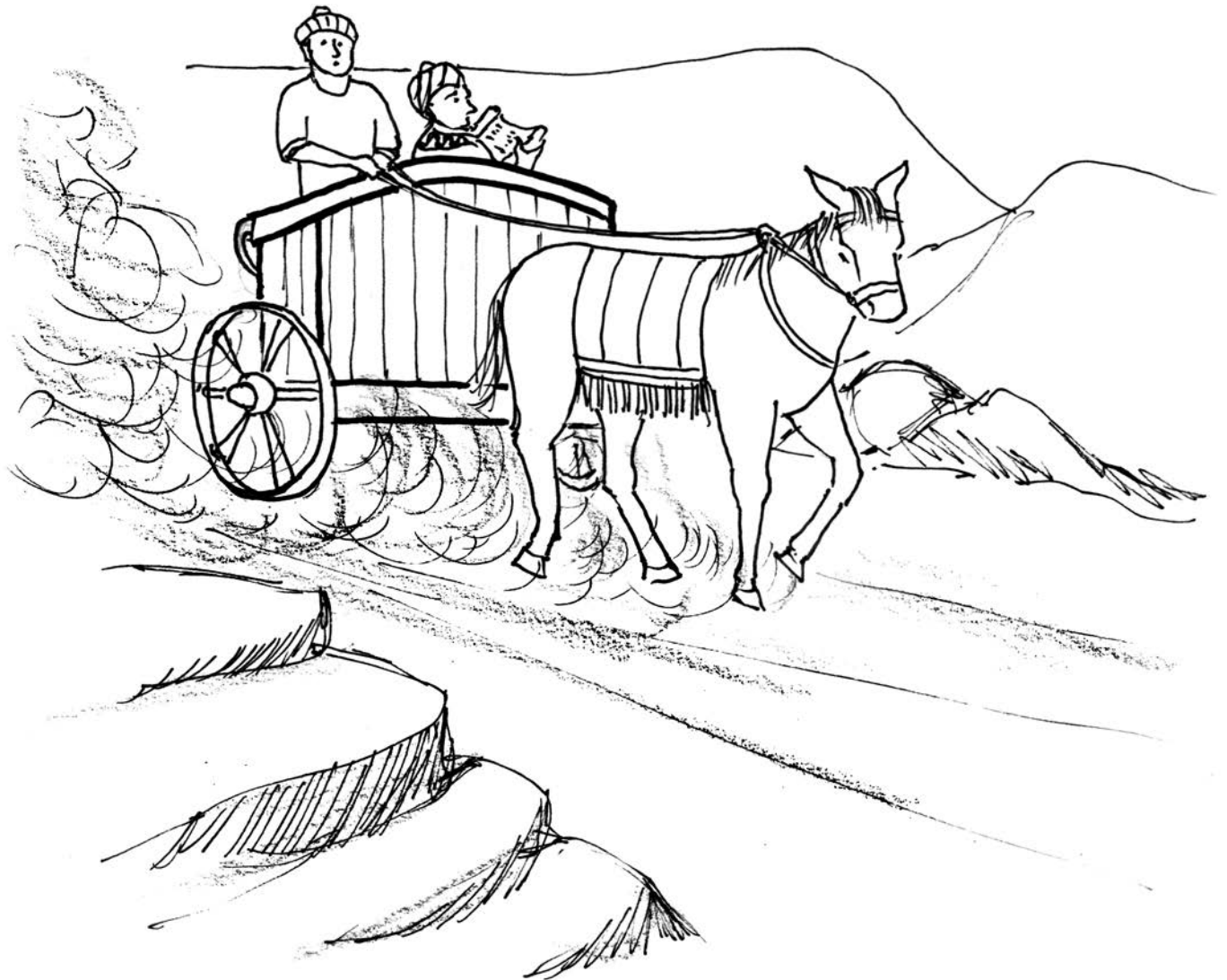


**Philip went straight away
to the lonely desert road.**

**At the same time
a man from Ethiopia
was travelling in his chariot.
He was on his way home.**

**He worked for the Queen,
and looked after her money
and property.
He had been to Jerusalem
to worship God.**

**As he rode in his chariot,
he was reading out aloud
from the book of Isaiah.**

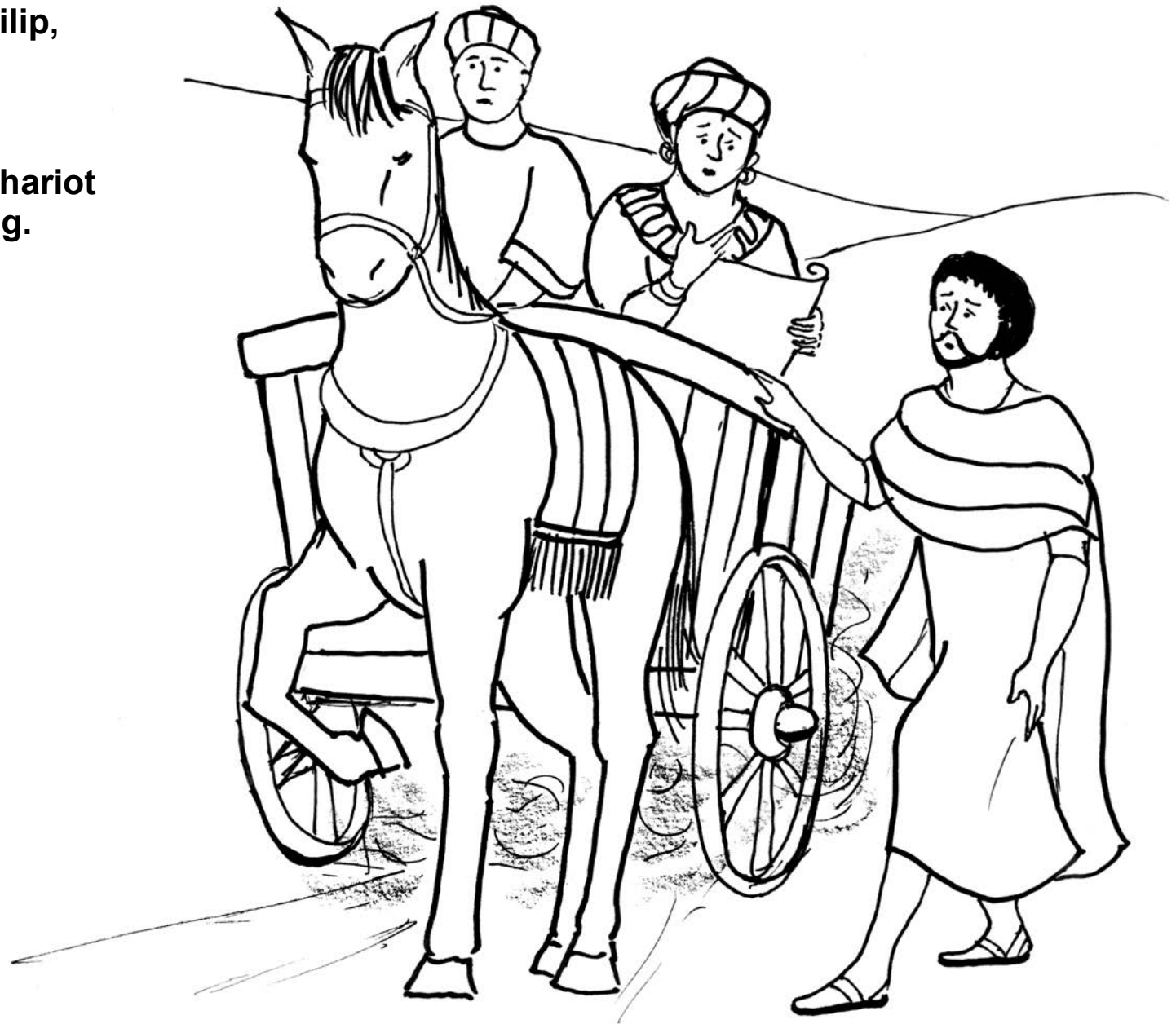


**The Holy Spirit said to Philip,
'Go and keep close
to that chariot.'**

**Philip ran alongside the chariot
and heard the man reading.**

**He asked him,
'Do you understand
what you're reading?'**

**'How can I unless
someone explains it
to me?'
answered the man.
'Come and join me
in my chariot.'**



The man from Ethiopia was reading:

**'They led Him like a sheep
that was going to be killed.
He was quiet like a lamb
when its wool
was being cut off.
He was treated unfairly.
Who will be left
to tell His story?
His life on earth
has been ended.'**

**'Who is Isaiah talking about?'
asked the man.
'Is it himself,
or someone else?'**

**Explaining this passage
Philip told the Ethiopian
about Jesus
and how men crucified Him,
and that God raised Him
from death.
He is now at
God's right hand.**



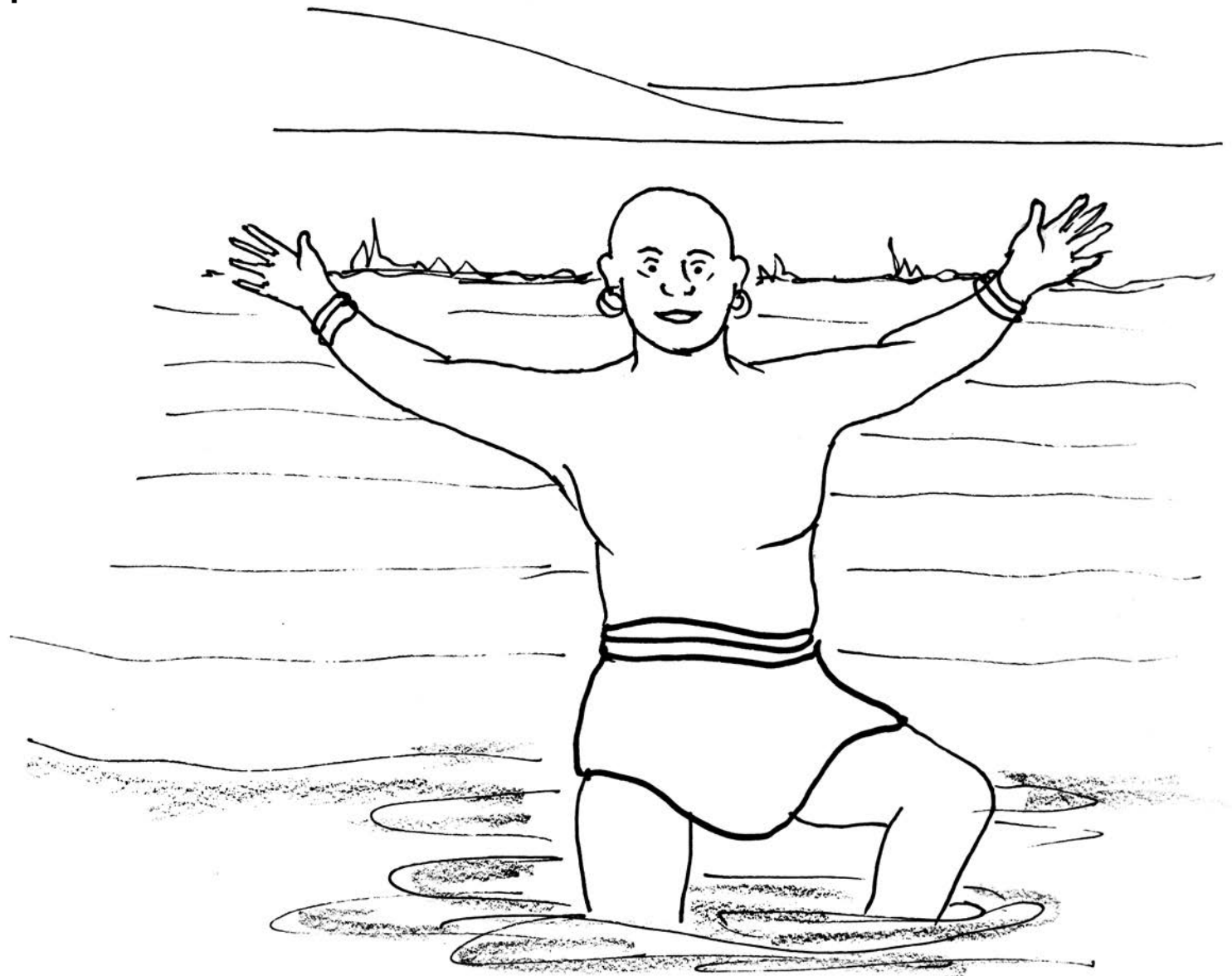
**The man from Ethiopia believed
and when he saw water ahead
he said,
'Here is water.
What prevents me from
being baptised?'**

**He stopped the chariot.
He and Philip got out
and went into the water,
where Philip baptised him.**



**As soon as they came up
out of the water
the Holy Spirit
took Philip away.**

**The man never
saw Philip again
but his heart was
full of joy as he went
on his way home.**



**Philip found himself in another place.
He went on telling people
the good news of Jesus Christ.**

