



# WEEK 1

## ELEMENTARY AT-HOME LESSON

# LEGACY

## THE BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.

## THE BIBLE

**Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch:** Acts 8:26-40;  
(John 15:1-8)

### MUSIC | Worship

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing some worship songs together with your family! Sing songs your family knows and loves, but consider adding some like:
  - "[Follow You](#)" by Hillsong Kids
  - "[Follow Me](#)" by Yancy
- These songs invite us to follow God and to talk to God!

### ACTIVITY | Legacy Leg Race

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Divide the kids into three to four teams, depending on how many kids you have. Within those teams, split the kids into pairs and have them tie one of each of their legs together to create a three-legged team. Each pair will then kick an inflated balloon from one side of the room to the other, then run back and tag the next pair in their team. The first team to get all their balloons successfully across the finish line wins.
  - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** Prepare an adult volunteer leader to accompany a child who may not feel confident in a team environment yet. You can always talk with parents before activities like this to brainstorm the best ways to include and help the kids in your ministry!
- We are kicking off a brand new series called Legacy! **Does anyone know what a legacy actually is?**
- A legacy is something that is handed down from the past. Just like how you tagged your teammates to let them know it was their turn next. For example, someone's legacy might be that they cared for animals or that their family is known for being kind and generous.



- We are going to spend this month talking about the legacy that Jesus has left for us . . . which is the Holy Spirit.

### VIDEO | Legacy, Episode 1

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's Bible story video with Pastor Robin!*

### SCRIPTURE | Acts 8:26-40

- Take some time to review the Bible story:
- Today, we're going to hear about one of Jesus' friends named Philip. Philip was a special friend of Jesus' called a disciple, or a follower Jesus.
- Let's use our special time travel device to take us to today's Bible story!
- The Spirit of God told Philip to go to this place in the middle of nowhere, and Philip didn't ask why – he just agreed to go just like that! When he arrived, he met a person from Ethiopia. And this guy was really important because he was the treasurer – that's the person in charge of money – for the Queen of Ethiopia!
- The man brought with him on his trip to Jerusalem a big part of the Hebrew scriptures, which is what we call the Old Testament, and specifically, the book of Isaiah. He was reading it out loud.
- Even though he was well educated and worked for the queen, the man still didn't understand what he was reading – it didn't make any sense to him.
- **Have you ever read something you didn't understand?**
- Well, Philip heard the man reading, approached him and asked, "Do you understand what you're reading?"
- You see, Philip had heard the Holy Spirit's voice telling Philip to help someone. And even though he was a little nervous, he helped the man anyway because Philip knew this was what the Holy Spirit wanted him to do.

### STORY | My Own Travel

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell a story about a time when you were growing up and you didn't understand something that was going on. You didn't understand it at the time, but looking back, it's easy to see how the Holy Spirit was helping guide the situation.*
- The man from Ethiopia was looking to understand God better. That's why God sent Philip – to help the man answer his questions and understand more about God!
- We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we can see what the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives!

### BONUS SCRIPTURE | Romans 15:13

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read Romans 15:13.*
- A man named Paul was trying to help all the new churches get started. Paul's legacy is that he wrote letters to these churches, which were later put in the Bible.
- Paul wanted to encourage church leaders because they were only just learning what it meant to be followers of Jesus.



- Paul shared with them that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are filled with joy and peace. And that gives us power to do what Jesus wants us to do . . . which helps us know God better.
- **The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.**

### ACTIVITY | Timeline

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a piece of paper and some colored pencils. Show them an example of a timeline.
  - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** Issue clear prompts while modeling it for them, and give them a lot of time in between each step. You could also prepare a paper with the line and dots drawn for them and cutouts of images they can use to represent the people they want to add to the timeline.
- It's amazing how the Holy Spirit impacts every part of our lives. Sometimes, we don't even notice it.
  - First, draw a line all the way across your paper like this, with three dots.
  - Over the first dot, draw a picture of the person who invited or brought you here today. That happened in the past.
  - Under the second dot, draw a picture of yourself here, where you are right now.
  - Over the third dot draw a picture of someone you know who you can ask to come with you next time. That will happen in the future.
- Now, we have the past, present, and future. Go back and draw one big heart over all three pictures. God's Holy Spirit directs our lives and connects the past to the present, and the present to the future.

### REFLECTION | Fill In the Blank

- Now, turn your paper over. I'm going to ask you a few question out loud. Think about the question and quietly write down your answers. This is a special time for you and God to get to know each other.
- Remember, **The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.**
- Write down these questions:
  - **What is something I already know about God?**
  - **What is something else I want to learn about God?**
  - **How can knowing more about God can help me be more like Jesus?**
- Maybe this is a lot to think about right now. So every night this week, I want you to look at these questions and think about the answers. And just like Paul told the Romans, the God of hope will fill you with joy and peace, and you can fill in the answers to these questions whenever you want to.
- Next week, you can share your answers with your small group!

### DISCUSSION

- **What did the Holy Spirit tell Philip to do?**
- **Who did Philip meet on the desert road?**
- **What did Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch talk about?**



- Read Romans 15:13. How does this verse encourage us?
- What does the Holy Spirit do for us?
- What are some things you know about God already?
- What are some things you want to know more about?

### PRAYER

- Dear God, Thank you for wanting to know us and for allowing us to know you more through the Holy Spirit. Help us to want to know you more and more each day and share what we know with others. Amen.

### MEMORY VERSE | Verse Knockout – Romans 8:14

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write one word from the memory verse onto upside down cups. Line up the cups in order on a table (you might want to spread them out over two tables if possible). Have kids read and recite the verse together once. Then have kids take turns tossing bean bags to knock a cup off the table. Each time one cup gets knocked over, put it away and have them recite the whole verse and supply the missing word. Keep going until all the cups have been knocked over and the group is able to recite the whole verse without any cups present.
- “For those who are led by the spirit of God are the children of God.” Romans 8:14