

Day 5 - The Bible is True



Welcome to Day 5 of VBX 2021! We are so glad you have joined us this week as we unearth the truth about Jesus. Today is Friday! Make sure to wear your VBX shirt today. Today we are seeking truth by learning that the Bible is true. Don't forget to kick off your day by visiting our website (lawrencevillevb.org) for a morning message from one of our VBX Directors! We can't wait to see how much fun you have today, so make sure to take pictures today and post them on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #lawrencevillevb. Have an awesome day!

Theme Verse: You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart. *Jeremiah 29:13*

Point: The Bible is true and helps us tell others about Jesus

Bible Story: Philip Told the Good News Isaiah 53:7-8; Acts 8:26-40

BIBLE STUDY

- **Bible Story** Say: ***“Our Bible story today is about when Phillip told the good news of Jesus. Let's find out more!”*** (Read the Story below)
- **Connect Points** Say: ***“Phillip used the Isaiah scroll to tell someone else about Jesus. You can use the Bible to tell others about Jesus. If you have questions about how you should live, look in the Bible. If you want to know how much Jesus loves you, look in the Bible. If you want to know more about Jesus as a Savior, look in the Bible! So, what are some things you know about Jesus that you could tell someone?”***
- **Activity Books** Turn to the Day 5 pages in the activity book(s), review the Bible story, and complete the activities.
- **Review Scripture** Using the Jeremiah 29:13 poster, have the children recite the verse while pretending to be on an archaeological site: digging with a shovel, sweeping with a hand broom, or whatever they create!
- **Wrap Up** Say ***“This week you have discovered that God made and kept the promise to send a Savior. That Savior is Jesus, and He has all the power God promised. Jesus not only knew God's plan, but also fulfilled God's plan. Today, the truth we unearthed in the Bible is true and helps us tell others about Jesus.”***

Bible Story

Philip Told the Good News Isaiah 53:7-8; Acts 8:26-40

Phillip had been preaching in Samaria. Many people listened to what he said and believed the good news about Jesus. While he was there, an angel of the Lord spoke to Phillip and said, “Get up and go south to the road that goes to Gaza.” Even though the Gaza road was out in the desert, Philip got up and did what the angel said. Phillip saw a man traveling in a chariot. The man was from Ethiopia and was a high official of the Ethiopian queen. The man was in charge of the queen's treasury. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship and was on his way home. He had a copy of an Isaiah scroll and was reading it aloud.

The Spirit told Phillip to go near the chariot. When Philip ran up, he asked the man, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

“How can I?” the man asked. “I need someone to explain it to me.” He invited Philip to join him. The man was reading the part of Isaiah that we can find in Isaiah 53:7–8. It was a prophecy that told about Jesus. *

Philip began to tell the man the good news about Jesus. The man believed the things Philip told him. He believed in Jesus and wanted to follow Him. About that time, they passed a pool of water. The man asked to be baptized and Philip agreed to baptize him. Philip baptized the man, and the man went on his way rejoicing. The Spirit of the Lord whisked Philip away to Azotus. There, Philip continued to preach the good news about Jesus.

Today's Artifact: The Great Isaiah Scroll (Dead Sea Scrolls)

Today's artifact is the same portion of Scripture that the Ethiopian was reading hundreds of years ago. In fact, "The Great Isaiah Scroll" is one of the original seven Dead Sea Scrolls found. It is the largest and best-preserved biblical scroll and dates to about 125 BC.



Think About It: Based on your study this week, what truths are more real to you than ever before?

GAMES

Nature Archaeology Hunt

Prep: Create a nature archaeology hunt list by listing nature items players can find outside where you are. Examples could include; blade of grass, leaf, acorn, worm, stick, rock, flower, dirt, ladybug, feather, etc.

Play: Assign players to groups. Give each group a nature archaeology hunt list. Tell groups where their hunting boundaries are and give them a set time to look for items on the list. At the end of the time, calculate which group brought back the most items.

Seek and Find

Prep: Set up a number of cones (or similar item) throughout your playing area. The number of cones set out depends on how difficult you want the game to be. Without players seeing, place a small object under one cone.

Play: Form two or more teams and allow them to take turns guessing which cone the object is under. As the game progresses players will be challenged to remember which cones have not been turned over. The team that find the object receives a point for that round. Instruct the players to close their eyes and hide the object under another cone. Play until one team reaches a predetermined number of points.

Suggestions: Ask questions about today's Bible story to add a fun challenge to the game. In this version, a team can only look under the cone if a question is answered correctly.

CRAFT

Time to Decorate Your Picture Frame!

Here are a few ideas to decorate your picture frame. Use the stickers to place on the frame. You can include a favorite Bible verse. Make sure to write VBX 2021 so you will always remember this year of VBX sharing Truth about Jesus! Take a picture on Friday of you wearing your VBX T-Shirt to print and tape to the back of your frame!

Music & Bible Story

Be Sure to check out Friday's page on our website (lawrencevillevbx.org) to watch the music video to learn the song and hand motions then sing and dance along to today's songs, led by our music leaders! After that, listen to a short lesson from a special guest speaker!

For additional activities, discussion prompts, videos, & more, visit Friday's Page on lawrencevillevbx.org.

WANT TO GO DEEPER?

Snack Suggestion: Use two pretzels and a fruit roll up to make scrolls. Note that the Ethiopian was reading a Bible scroll when Philip met him. Philip explained what the scroll meant and told him about Jesus. Remind kids that they can tell their friends about Jesus, too.

Discussion Prompt: God calls us to spread his word and tell others about Jesus. He wants us to show His love and share about Jesus' sacrifice. How can you tell other people about Jesus and spread the word of God?