### **BUZZ SUMMER 2020 Week 7**

# The Church Sends Its First Missionaries

Acts 8:4-11:26

(Feel free to read out of a Children's Bible if you have one)

**Bible Point: WE SPREAD GOD'S MESSAGE** 

Bold text is spoken text.

#### **Buzz Bond**

Assign each wall of the room one of these four questions:

- What was your favorite way to spend time at home last week?
- What is the best thing that happened to you last week?
- What is the most interesting thing you learned last week?
- What did you do with your friends last week?

Everyone will take turns spinning in a circle with their eyes closed. Whenever they stop, they will open their eyes and based on which wall they're facing, share their answer to the question.

## God Sightings

To help kids look for God all the time, tell about a time this week you saw God at work in your life. Then encourage your kids to share stories of their own.

#### **Bible Buzz**

**Body Smart: Travel It!** 

Get out paper and markers. Have kids help you number separate sheets of paper 1-11, and tape them on the wall in a random order.

SAY: We're going to ravel around the room as we learn about how the early church sent people all over to tell people about Jesus.

- Lead kids to Sign 1. Then read aloud Acts 8:5 and 14. Have kids shout, "Samaria, Jesus loves you!"
- Have kids pretend to be airplanes as they go to Sign 2. Read aloud Acts 8:26-29. Have kids shout, "Ethiopian, Jesus loves you!"
- Have kids pretend to ride camels to Sign 3. Then read aloud Acts 9:19-22. Have kids shout, "Damascus, Jesus loves you!"
- Have kids pretend to drive to Sign 4. Read aloud Acts 9:28-29. Have kids shout, "Jerusalem, Jesus loves you!"
- Have kids form a train (or make train sounds) to Sign 5. Read aloud Acts 9:30-32. Have kids shout, "Caesarea, Jesus loves you!"
- Have kids march to Sign 6. Read aloud Acts 9:32-35. Have kids shout, "Lydda, Jesus loves you!"
- Have kids pretend to take a boat to Sign 7. Read aloud Acts 9j:36-40. Have kids shout, "Joppa, Jesus loves you!"
- Have kids pretend to swim to Sign 8. Read aloud Acts 10:24-27, 34-36. Have kids shout, "Cornelius, Jesus loves everyone!"
- At each remaining sign, have kids name the city and shout, "Jesus loves you!" Have kids hop to Sign 9. Read aloud Acts 11:19-21, pausing after you name Phoenicia to have them take

giant steps to Sign 10 and pausing after you name Cyprus to have them run to Sign 11, where you'll finish reading.

ASK: Why did the church need to travel around so much to spread God's message? ASK: Where can you go to spread God's message around?

SAY: The Apostles knew that Jesus died on the cross and came back to life. So they spread the message that anyone who believes in Jesus will have their sins forgiven and will have eternal life. Like the apostles – WE SPREAD GOD'S MESSAGE.

#### Picture Smart: Create It!

Give each kid paper, markers and pencils. Explain that each will make up their own country. Kids can make up the name of their country, draw maps of their country and decide what the people in their country believe. Give kids about five minutes to work. As they are creating their own country, offer help as needed.

Then let them present their country. After they presented their country, encourage them to tell people in each country about Jesus.

**ASK: What's one thing that is unique about your country?** (if you have more than one kid, maybe ask what is one thing that was different about someone else's country.)

SAY: The early church sent out missionaries to many different countries to tell people about Jesus. Even though the people in every country had different beliefs and practices, they all needed to know about Jesus. Like the apostles, WE SPREAD GOD'S MESSAGE.

## **Buzz in Action**

Families can discuss this question: How can you share the important message that Jesus gave us with the people in your city/town?

## Let's Pray

Everyone can take turns finishing this prayer: Hey God, Help us to....