





The Gospel Spreads

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Lesson Focus

The followers of Jesus were being persecuted in Jerusalem for their faith and belief in Jesus Christ. However, God used it for good. The Christians were scattered as they left their homes to avoid the persecution. And as they moved, the gospel moved with them and spread quickly. In addition to this, God used Philip in a special way. Philip preached to the Ethiopian official who believed, was baptized, and likely took the gospel back to Ethiopia.

Key Passages

Grades 2–3: Romans 8:28; Acts 8:4–8, 8:26–31, 8:38–40

Grades 4–5: Romans 8:28; Acts 8:4–8, 8:26–31, 8:34–39

What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ The Christians were persecuted and scattered. Because of the persecution, they went everywhere preaching the gospel.
- ▶ God sent Philip to Samaria where many believed. Then he was sent to explain the scriptures to the Ethiopian man who received the truth and was baptized.

