[Narrator] You've probably heard of Peter and Paul, two of the leaders in the early Church. Well, today we're going to learn about another leader whose name was Philip. Like Peter and Paul, Phillip followed God's call to tell people about Jesus. As we'll see, following God's call to tell people about Jesus took Philip into some interesting places.

Our story starts in a place called Samaria. Philip has been telling the people there about Jesus, and they are very excited. Because there are so many excited people to be told, Philip sent a message to Jerusalem, asking Peter to come and help him. Let's see what happens to Philip as he continues to follow God's call to tell others about Jesus.

In our story are Philip, the Apostle Peter, and an official in the government of a country called Ethiopia and the people who work for him. Let's say hello to them.

[scene]Philip is packing a backpack, Peter comes in carrying a suitcase.

[Peter] Hi Philip, where are you going?

[Philip] Hi Peter. I'm so glad you dropped in before you went back to Jerusalem. I was just praying and I think that God has called me to tell someone about Jesus.

[Peter] You're already doing that right here in Samaria, and You are doing a fantastic job but there is still so much to be done.

[Philip]I know, and I thought I'd be here for a long time telling people about Jesus but, well, I just know that God has called me to go to the desert road.

[Peter] Desert road, are you sure, nobody uses that road any more.

[Philip] I know, but who would have thought that people here in Samaria would be interested in Jesus either. Well, God called me to come and tell people here and now I've been called to tell someone on the Desert road. I don't know what will happen, but I'm going to go and follow God's call to tell.

[Peter] Philip, I'm really looking forward to hearing how God makes things work out as you follow God's call to tell.

[Scene] Peter goes off in one direction, Philip puts on backpack and starts in another.

[Narrator] So off Philip went, to the little used Desert road. There he found out what God had called him to do, and who he had called him to tell about Jesus.

[Scene] Ethiopian official and entourage come on. Official is reading a big bible, maybe someone is carrying it for him.

[Narrator]As Philip was walking he saw a Chariot coming his way. It was a very special chariot, a chariot for someone very important. It was a Cadillac kind of chariot, one of the best that money could buy. As Phillip watched he heard the man in the chariot reading from the book of Isaiah.

 [Official] He was humiliated, and justice was denied him. No one will be able to tell about his descendants, because his life on earth has come to an end.”

[Philip] Excuse me Sir, do you know what you are reading is about?

[Scene] Official looks up and sees Philip.

[Official] I'm not sure that I do. I went to Jerusalem to have the priests teach me but they wouldn't talk to me. Do you know about this Isaiah?

[Philip] Well, Yes I do sir.

[Official] Hey driver, stop this chariot. [Official to Philip] Please join me and explain.

 [Narrator] So Philip joined the important official and explained how Jesus had lived like the person described in Isaiah, how he had taught people and changed lives by following Gods call and how he had been raised from death by God. When they were through talking they came to a stream and the official said.

[Official] Driver, stop this thing. Mr. Phillip, it all makes sense to me now. I want to go home and tell my people about Jesus but, Well, do you think it would be alright for you to baptize me?

[Philip] Of course. Then you will be one of God's people, like all of the followers of Jesus are and you can follow God's call to tell the people back where you live about Jesus.

[Narrator] And that is exactly what happened. Philip baptized the official and he left happily singing. When the official got home to Ethiopia he told his friends and anyone else who would listen about Jesus. There were so many of them that they started their own Church, one of the oldest Churches on the earth, a Church that continues to this day. Philip also went on, telling people about Jesus.