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Today's story is about good news. It is about a traveler who found some good news that changed his life.

Hot Topics

1. What good news have you had recently? Have you found a job or a good share house...?
2. What new things have you learnt about:
 - a. yourself?
 - b. your country and other countries?
3. When you read something you cannot understand, do you:
 - a. Just ignore it
 - b. Look up your dictionary.
 - c. Read other sentences around it to try to understand.
 - d. Ask somebody to help you
 - e. Other....

Today's Lesson...

Today's story is from the Bible and it is about two travelers.

Today you get to be actors and actresses – a great way to practice your reading and expression!

Introduction

The time of this story is around 70 AD after the death of Jesus, when Jesus' followers were going around and telling people about the Good News – the reason for Jesus' birth, life and death. Read and find out why this was such Good News.

Vocabulary

Desert: a dry place

Catch up to: Go up to

Prophet: a messenger of God, someone who predicts the future.

Saviour: someone who saves.

Shorn: wool that is cut.

Didn't receive a fair trial: The Saviour was taken to court but not treated well or justly/fairly.

Choose six people to act out the following parts: Narrator, Angel, Holy Spirit, Philip, Ethiopian, and Isaiah

1. Read through once. Check for new vocabulary and understanding.
2. Read the story again this time acting out the story to check for understanding and practice your listening skills.
3. Interview (see discussion section for interview questions)

The Story (Acts 8:26 – 36) (*act out as you read*)

Narrator: An Angel of God said to Philip:

Angel: Go south along the desert road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza.

Narrator: This road is in the desert. So Philip got ready and went.

Now an important Ethiopian official happened to be going along that road in his chariot. The Ethiopian was the chief treasurer for the Queen of Ethiopia. The official had gone to Jerusalem to worship God and was now on his way home. He was sitting in his chariot, reading from Isaiah (a book written by the prophet Isaiah before the birth of Jesus found in the bible).

The Holy Spirit said to Peter:

Holy Spirit: Catch up to that chariot.

Narrator: Phillip ran over and heard the Ethiopian reading from the book of Isaiah. Philip asked him:

Phillip: Do you understand what you are reading?

Ethiopian: No. How can I understand unless someone helps me?

Narrator: And he invited Phillip to climb up and sit in the chariot with him, The official was reading from the book of Isaiah. In this book, the prophet Isaiah talks about God's future saviour for the world. It reads:

Isaiah: He (God's saviour) was like a sheep on its way to be killed. He was silent as a lamb whose wool is being shorn, and he didn't say a word. He was treated like a nobody and didn't receive a fair trial...

Narrator: The official asked Phillip:

Ethiopian Tell me who was Isaiah talking about? Himself or about someone else?

Narrator: So Philip began at this place in the bible and explained the Good News about Jesus, the Saviour of the World.

Discussion

1. Discuss the timeline of the story below.
2. God planned for Philip to travel on the desert road. Who plans your life? *Discuss in threes*
 - a. you?
 - b. other people/family/friends?
 - c. fate or luck?
 - d. work?
 - e. God?
2. What is the Good News about Jesus? *In threes discuss*
3. The teacher will now show you an example (*The Book example*) explaining the Good News.

The time line of the story:

