

**Need to Know:****The Bible**

(make book with hands)

**Is For Everyone!**

(point to others)

**Bible Story:****Philip and the Ethiopian Leader**

Acts 8:26-40

**Materials:**

- ⚙ Safari Hat
- ⚙ God's Story for Me Bible
- ⚙ Treats
- ⚙ Safari Bag
- ⚙ People Cards
- ⚙ Remember Verse Prizes
- ⚙ Hand Sanitizer
- ⚙ Snacks
- ⚙ Coloring Sheets
- ⚙ Crayons
- ⚙ Filler Activity Guide

**Get Their Attention! (5 min)****Materials:** Safari Hat**SAY** the following to the group:**Jambo** (Jah-mm-bo), **Rafikis** (Rah-fee-keys)! *That means, "Hello, friends!"***My name is** (your name)! **I am your Safari Guide!****Today we are going on a safari to see all the wonderful things God wants to show us! We'll look high** (look high) **and low** (look low) **for animals we know!****PASS** **Safari Hat** around the group, while the group chants:**Jambo! Jambo! We say "hello" to** (child's name that is holding Safari Hat).(Child will place **Safari Hat** on head to introduce self)Continue to pass **Safari Hat** and repeat chant until all group members have been introduced.**TELL** kids that we are going to see something wonderful about the Bible today!**Bible Story (5 min)****Materials:** God's Story for Me Bible, Treats**SHOW & READ** p.461-466 from **God's Story for Me Bible** ("Philip and the Ethiopian Leader").**ASK & SAY** the following to review. Give kids a **treat** when they answer!

1. **Who told Philip to walk on the road that led to Gaza** (Gah-zuh)? (An Angel, p.461)
2. **As Philip walked down the road, what sound did he hear?** (Horses or Horses' Hooves, p. 462) **What was coming?** (A chariot)
3. **Was the man inside the chariot from close by or far away?** (Far away, p.463)
4. **Was the man from far away reading God's Word?** (Yes, p.463)
5. **When the man did not understand God's Words, did Philip help him?** (Yes, p.464) **When we don't understand something we read in the Bible, we can ask for help, too!**
6. **Were the words on the scroll about Jesus or zebras?** (Jesus, p.465)
7. **Was the leader very GLAD or SAD to hear the good news that Jesus loved him?** (Very GLAD, p.466)

**The words in the Bible are for everyone! They are for you and me & EVERYONE we see! When everyone reads the Bible, we will see wonderful things!****Let's say this together:****The Bible** (make book with hands)**Is For Everyone!** (point to others)

**Application Summary:**

Kids will be reminded that the words in the Bible are for everyone, and we can share what we read in the Bible with everyone we know!

**Remember Verse:**

**“Open my eyes** (hands open wide beside eyes)

**so that I can see** (make binoculars with hands)

**all the wonderful things** (two thumbs up)

**in your teachings.”** (make book with hands)

**Psalms 119:18**

**Getting To Know You:**

Use these questions to get to know your group during Snack/Coloring Time.

- ⚙ **What has been your favorite part of being “Out in the Wild” on our safari?**
- ⚙ **Can you tell me one reason the Bible is the VERY BEST book?**
- ⚙ **Did you have fun today?**

**Application Activity (10 min)**

**Materials:** Safari Bag, People Cards, Safari Hat

1. Place **Safari Bag** in center of group, with **People Cards** inside.
2. Each child will have a turn to wear the **Safari Hat**, close their eyes tight, & reach into the **Safari Bag** to select one **People Card**.
3. Leader will read **People Card** aloud and group will respond.
4. Play until each child has had a turn or all **People Cards** have been discussed. Then say:

**God gave us the Bible so we can see who He is & how he wants EVERYONE to live. The Bible is for everyone, & we can share what we read with others! Say this with me:**

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**Remember Verse Game (5 min)**

**Materials:** Remember Verse Prizes

1. Divide group into two teams—Cheetahs and Giraffes.
2. Review the verse the following ways:
  - a. Giraffes will repeat Cheetahs as they say verse. Switch roles.
  - b. Cheetahs say one phrase, Giraffes say next phrase, repeat until entire verse is said aloud.
3. Allow kids to say the Remember Verse to win a **WILD Remember Verse Prize**. If a child is close to remembering the verse, assist him/her, and then give child a **Prize**.

**Wrap It Up (10 min)**

**Materials:** Hand Sanitizer, Snacks, Coloring Sheets, Crayons, Filler Activity Guide

**LARGE GROUP REVIEW:**

1. **What animal did we meet on our safari today?** (Cheetah)
2. **Do cheetahs run fast or slow?** (Fast)
3. **When we see something great in the Bible, should we run fast like Cheetahs to tell everyone?** (Yes!)

**PRAY** with your group, having them repeat the following after you in short phrases.

**Dear God, thank you for the Bible! Help me tell everyone how great it is! Thank you for my snack. I love you! In Jesus’ name I pray, amen!**

**SANITIZE** hands with **hand sanitizer** & **PASS OUT snacks**.

**PASS OUT coloring sheets & crayons**.

**STAY** in Small Group as families arrive. Use **Filler Activity Guide** as needed.