



Acts of the Apostles 8:26–40

Acts of the Apostles 8:26–40 relates the account of how Philip preached to and baptized an Ethiopian man.

Directions: Locate Acts of the Apostles 8:26–40 in the Bible and read it silently. The passage shows how both Philip and the Ethiopian walked together through the evangelism process. On the lines beside each footprint, write one of the phrases from the box to show what steps each person took and the order in which he took them.

- Desired to be baptized immediately
- Rejoiced in his new faith
- Continued to preach the gospel elsewhere
- Wanted to learn about Jesus
- Administered the Sacrament of Baptism
- Used Scripture to proclaim Jesus

The Path of Evangelism

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Mission Work

Directions: Read about Saint Francis Xavier and Blessed Liduina Meneguzzi and then answer the questions that follow. Use the back of this page if you need more room to write.



Saint Francis Xavier (1506–1552) began his mission work in India. His mornings were usually spent in hospitals and prisons, comforting people. After that he walked through the streets, ringing a bell to summon the children to catechism. He taught them prayers and how to live like Jesus. Because of his gentleness and deep concern for others, Francis won the people’s respect. He wrote: “The country is so utterly barren and poor. The native Christians have no priests. . . . I have not stopped since the day I arrived. I have conscientiously made the rounds of the villages. I bathed in the sacred waters all the children who had not yet been baptized. . . . The older children would not let me say my Office or eat or sleep until I taught them one prayer or another. Then I began to understand: “The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”



Blessed Liduina Meneguzzi (1901–1941) was a humble person. She came from a poor Italian family. She entered a religious community and worked at various everyday tasks. In 1937 she went to Ethiopia as a missionary. She worked as a nurse and helped wounded soldiers who came to the hospital during World War II. During the bombings she bravely ran to help those who were wounded, and she baptized dying children. She worked with all people, regardless of ethnicity or religious beliefs. She loved to talk about God and his goodness and attracted many people to Jesus. People gave her the nickname “Sister Gudda” (Sister Great).

Describe the work of a missionary.

How can you do mission work in your community?



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A. Write *T* if the statement is true and *F* if it is false.

- _____ 1. Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian began when he noticed that the Ethiopian needed help with his chariot.
- _____ 2. When people asked the Apostle Peter what they had to do to be saved, he told them to repent.
- _____ 3. Baptism makes a person a member of the Jesuits.
- _____ 4. Stewardship is the call for Catholics to share their time, possessions, and talents to contribute to God's kingdom on earth.
- _____ 5. Baptism is a call to new birth and life.
- _____ 6. A candle is the main sign of Baptism.
- _____ 7. Baptism is not necessary for salvation.
- _____ 8. The action of immersing a person in water symbolizes dying to sin and rising to a new life in Christ.
- _____ 9. In Baptism, the white garment symbolizes that the person is ready to become a missionary.
- _____ 10. As Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples heard a loud voice as the Holy Spirit came upon them.
- _____ 11. Saint Francis Xavier was one of the first Jesuits.
- _____ 12. From its earliest days, the Church has forbidden baptizing infants.
- _____ 13. Through Baptism, a person receives forgiveness from Original Sin but not from personal sins.
- _____ 14. The flame of the Paschal Candle represents Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.
- _____ 15. Baptism seals the person who receives it with a permanent spiritual mark.

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B. What do the water and the candle in the Sacrament of Baptism represent? What does it mean to you that you have a new life in Christ?

C. What were the basic Christian beliefs that Peter spoke about when he addressed the crowd in Acts of the Apostles 2:1–38? How can you encourage the people around you to repent and accept Jesus as their Savior?
