

BROKEN BUT BEAUTIFUL – Opportunities

Scripture: Acts 8:26-39

Supplies: paper, markers, crayons, tape, skewer or dowel

OPENING –

- Share a time when you had the chance to share your faith with someone else. What was it like? How did you feel?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CONTEXT –

- The prophet Isaiah shared messages from God with people. He told people that a saviour was going to come and what was going to happen when he did.
- **Baptize-** to dip someone in water to show that they have new life because of Jesus

READ/TELL STORY – Acts 8:26-39

- Main Points:
 - An angel told Philip to a desert road where he saw an Ethiopian official reading a part of the book of Isaiah
 - Philip asked the Ethiopian if he understood what he was reading. When the man said he couldn't, Philip sat with him
 - Isaiah's words were a prophecy from God about what had just happened
 - Starting with the scripture, Philip explained the good news about Jesus
 - When the Ethiopian heard and understood he asked to be baptized
 - Philip baptized the Ethiopian who went away rejoicing

RE-TELL—

- Pictionary
 - Have kids draw different parts of the story in front of the group until someone guesses what it is.
 - Drawing suggestions:
 - An angel speaking to Philip
 - Philip running
 - The Ethiopian reading Isaiah
 - Philip sitting with the Ethiopian
 - The Ethiopian being baptized
 - The Ethiopian rejoicing

QUESTIONS –

- What did you like about today's story?
- What does this story tell you about what people are like?
- How does this story change how you live this week?

ACTIVITY –

- Make a Scroll
 - Give each child a long rectangular strip of paper and two sticks
 - Have child write out scripture or message or draw a scene from the story on the scroll
 - Suggestions: Isaiah 53:7-8; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:15
 - Crunch or wad the paper up into a ball. Then smooth it out and wad it up again. Do this a number of times until the paper is soft and looks old and worn.
 - Optional: turn a crayon on it on its side and gently rub over the paper. The colour will be uneven and will make the “wrinkles” of the paper stand out better.
 - Use the glue or tape to attach the sticks at each end.
 - To close the scroll just roll up the ends. Tie it off with twine or ribbon if you wish.