



# HOUSE PARTY

**PARENT GUIDE**  
May 31

## **Life App Definition**

Determination—deciding it's worth it to finish what you started

## **Main Idea**

Philip met an Ethiopian official who was reading the Jewish Scriptures. He had questions and asked Philip about them. Philip answered the man's question and pointed him to Jesus. The official put his faith in Jesus and was baptized. We'll never have all the answers to everything, especially when it comes to our faith in God. In order to keep going, sometimes we have to ask questions about what we don't know. We pray that kids will discover people that they trust who can answer their hard questions about life and faith.

## **Memory Verse**

"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up" (Galatians 6:9 NIRV).

## **Bottom Line**

Keep going even when you have questions.

## **Small-Group Discussion**

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Why did Philip go to the desert?
- Whom did Philip meet on his way?
- How did Philip help the man he met?
- Why is it important to ask questions?
- What happens if we don't understand and we don't ask questions?
- When is it hard to ask questions?
- Are there questions that have no answers? Encourage kids to think of examples.

## Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

### Supplies Needed

- Paper
- Writing utensil

### Activity

- In this activity, you and your children will talk through the importance of asking questions.
- Give each family member a piece of paper and a writing utensil.
- Ask this question, "If you could ask God anything, what would it be?"
- Have everyone write down (or draw, for younger children) their questions for God.
- After everyone has finished writing their questions, take turns reading them aloud.
- Answer the questions you are able to answer.
- The point of this activity is not to have answers to every question. Use the questions that you don't have answers to, to discuss what happens when we don't get answers. What can we do in those times?
- Explain that it's important that we ask questions. Just like the Ethiopian official in our story today, when we don't understand something about God or the Bible, we need to ask questions so we can get to know God even better.

## Prayer

Take a moment and pray with your children. Thank God for always welcoming your questions.

Dear God,

We are so thankful that You welcome our questions and enjoy having conversations with us! Thank You that no question is too big or too small for You. It is easy for us to get discouraged when we don't see the full picture that You see, and we can get stuck on things we don't understand. Help us to remember this week that because You are a good God and have sent Your Holy Spirit to guide us, we can keep going even when we have questions.