



# Friday

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

-Matthew 22: 36, 37

## [Opening Worship Video](#)

## [Bible Lesson](#)

Consider:

- When was the last time something really confused you? Did anyone help you to understand it or learn how to do it?
- How do you find out what you are supposed to be doing at home or work or other places?

## **Asbury's Discipleship Pathway**

The day one decides to be a disciple of Jesus is an extremely exciting day. It's so exciting the Bible says it's a person's second birthday - their spiritual birthday. If you would like to know more about being a disciple, you can attend one of Asbury's NEXT meetings. This is a chance for Pastor Lindsay Kirkpatrick to talk with you about being a disciple of Jesus and also, about being a member of Asbury United Methodist Church (though you don't have to join to become a disciple). You can live the life of a disciple every day and everywhere you go.

At Asbury the life of the disciple is defined as having four components:

- **Worship:** I will seek ways to praise and honor God always.
- **Grow:** I will learn more about God and being a Christian.
- **Serve:** I will help others through acts of kindness and giving of my time and money.
- **Share:** I will invite others to church and tell them God loves them.

## Philip and the Ethiopian – Acts 8: 26-39

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip. “Go south to the desert road,” he said. “It’s the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” <sup>27</sup>So Philip started out. On his way he met an Ethiopian official. The man had an important position in charge of all the wealth of the Kandake (meaning queen of Ethiopia). This official had gone to Jerusalem to worship. <sup>28</sup>On his way home he was sitting in his chariot. He was reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup>The Holy Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot. Stay near it.”

<sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to the chariot. He heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you’re reading?” Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup>“How can I?” he said. “I need someone to explain it to me.” So, he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup>Here is the part of Scripture the official was reading. It says,

“He was led like a sheep to be killed. Just as lambs are silent while their wool is being cut off, he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>When he was treated badly; he was refused a fair trial. Who can say anything about his children? His life was cut off from the earth.” (Isaiah 53:7,8)

<sup>34</sup>The official said to Philip, “Tell me, please. Who is the prophet talking about? Himself, or someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began with that same part of Scripture. He told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36, 37</sup>As they traveled along the road, they came to some water. The official said, “Look! Here is water! What can stop me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the official went down into the water. Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away. The official did not see him again. He went on his way full of joy.

Discuss:

- How did Philip know where to go? How can we hear God’s instructions?
- Do you sometimes have trouble understanding the Bible like the Ethiopian?
- The last word of this story is joy. Do you have the joy of knowing Jesus?

Search & Find:

See if you can find each of the Discipleship Pathway components in this story: worship, grow, serve, and share. Explain why you felt those parts of the story matched the components.

[Pre-K Bible Lesson Video](#)

## Craft Video – Pathway Game

From the Asbury website's VBS Resource page print the gameboard, die, and extra cards.

## Game – Pathway Toss

As a disciple there are 4 parts to our faith lives. The Discipleship Pathway we walk has 4 parts: worship, grow, serve, share.

For this game you will need 4 containers (boxes, plastic containers, baskets, etc.) Label each with one aspect of the pathway. You will also need a small ball or bean bags. Set the containers out either in a row or in a line. You may put them at different heights. It's up to you how difficult this game is.

On your turn you will have 4 tosses. Try to land the ball in each container. When you make a basket, shout out a way to practice that part of the pathway. For instance, if the ball lands in worship, you can shout, "Go to church." At the end of 4 tosses total your points: 1 basket - 1 pt, 2 baskets - 3 pts, 3 baskets - 6 pts, 4 baskets - 10 pts.

## Skit Video – Recipe For a Disciple

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, we are so happy to be your disciples. We want to always be learning to be more like you and become better friends with God every day. Amen.



**As disciples we worship, grow, serve, and share.**