An Ethiopian Seeks The Truth

> **Characters:**
> Philip, the Ethiopian, Narrator, a "voice" (of an angel of the Lord or the Holy Spirit).
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> **Objects:** 2 costumes from Bible times, 1 scroll, 2 chairs

Scene 1 (Philip is alone on stage.)

Voice: (from behind the stage): Get up and go south to the road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza, the desert road.

Philip: (preparing to leave): Yes, Lord, I'm going now.

Narrator: (while Philip exits the stage) So, Philip got up and started out. On his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch ... an important official of the Queen of Ethiopia, who was in charge of all the Queen's money.

Scene 2 (There are two chairs on stage.) The Ethiopian, sitting on one of them, reads silently from a scroll).

Narrator: (from behind the stage) The Ethiopian official believed in God, but he didn't know Jesus. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship and was on his way home, sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah, the prophet.

Voice: Philip, go closer to the chariot. **(Philip ran up to the carriage).**

The Ethiopian: (reading from the scroll) "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he didn't open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

Philip: (taking a step forward) Do you understand what you are reading?

The Ethiopian: (looking up with a frown): How can I, unless someone explains it to me? Please, sit here with me. Can you explain to me what this passage of Scripture means? **(Philip sits down in the other chair).**

The Ethiopian: Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?

Philip: Isaiah is talking about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Jesus is my friend, Lord and Savior. He fulfilled God's promise to save the people from sin and death. You can understand this Scripture and know it with the help of God. You can also decide to know and love Jesus.

The Ethiopian: How can I do this?

Philip: Admit that you are a sinner. Tell God that you are