

Approach. Ask. Adjust.

Following the example of Philip and the Ethiopian official, we can take three steps when we meet a new special-needs family: **approach, ask, and adjust for accessibility.**

THE STORY

ACTS 8:27–31, 35 (ESV)

An angel told Philip to go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza (Acts 8:26).

"And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over and join this chariot.' So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' And he said, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him ... Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus."

01

Approach

WHAT PHILIP DID

Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Philip ran to the chariot. He was eager to meet this man and talk with him.

WHAT WE DO

Approach new families with kindness and eagerness.

02

Ask

WHAT PHILIP DID

Hearing him read Isaiah, Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He could tell the man needed support.

WHAT WE DO

Ask questions to understand the challenges a family is facing.

03

Adjust for Accessibility

WHAT PHILIP DID

The official had worshiped in Jerusalem but did not know the full story of Jesus. Philip started at the beginning and shared the good news.

WHAT WE DO

Adjust so every family has the opportunity to understand and respond to the gospel.

THE RESULT

The Ethiopian official understood the gospel message and asked to be baptized (Acts 8:36)!