Acts 8 – The Church on the Move

CHARACTERS: Philip, Eunuch, optional chariot driver (non-speaking)
COSTUMES: Period
PROPS: none
SETTING: Samaria and the road
RUN TIME: 3 minutes
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Acts 8
FK reading level: 5.4

Scene 1 - Samaria

LEADER: A great persecution rose against the church in Jerusalem

ALL: All but the apostles were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, preaching the word

The following occurs as dialogue continues. PHILIP and CROWD enter from opposites sides of the stage. CROWD lays a lame child before him and PHILIP raises him to walk. CROWD rejoices.

LEADER: But like the wind spreads seed far and wide

ALL: So persecution spread the good news.

LEADER: Those in Samaria rejoiced to hear Philip preach and see the signs her preformed.

ALL: He cast out unclean spirits and healed the paralyzed and lame (*SIMON steps forward, all others quietly exit)*

SIMON: Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.

PETER: May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

SIMON falls to his knees

PETER: Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.

Scene 2 - Philip and the Ethiopian

At rise: Eunuch is reading in chariot. Philip jogs up to chariot and Eunuch notices him.

PHILIP: Do you understand what you are reading?

EUNUCH: How can I unless someone explains it to me? Would you help me? *Philip nods and climbs into chariot. (reading)* 'Who was led like a sheep to the slaughter and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.'

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PHILIP: You are reading prophesy from Isaiah who was speaking about Jesus. God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets in Jesus, the Messiah. He died but God raised him from the dead. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord through Jesus.

EUNUCH: Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?

PHILIP: Nothing!

LEADER: Both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water

ALL: and Philip baptized him.

LEADER: The Spirit of the Lord took Philip away

ALL: and the eunuch went on his way rejoicing.

LEADER: Meanwhile, Saul was breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples.

ALL: He got letters from the high priest

LEADER: Authorizing him to arrest any who belonged to the Way.

ALL: He set off for Damascus

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