## Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 1, Bible Truth 3

## The Case of the Word on Wheels Acts 8

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

- 1. God's Holy Spirit helped people write down His promises and laws and good works in the Bible. This is where we read the good news that Jesus came to pay for God's people's sins, so they could know God, and one day, live with Him in heaven forever.
- 2. Philip heard Jesus teach from the Bible, and saw the amazing things He did. When Jesus died on the cross, and rose from the dead, Phliip believed Jesus was God's Son, the Savior God promised in the Bible to send.
- 3. Now, it was time to share the gospel of Jesus with everyone. Philip and Jesus' other followers started telling the good news to the people in Jerusalem; but, they didn't stop there.
- 4. Many went to faraway places to share the gospel. Philip went to a land called Samaria.
- 5. God sent an angel to give Philip a special job: "Go down the old road to Gaza." Philip obeyed. Soon, he saw a chariot with an important, African man in it. He was reading the Bible!
- 6. "Go talk to that man," the Holy Spirit told Philip. The man reading one of God's promises about Jesus, but he didn't understand it. So, Philip got in the chariot and told him about Jesus. The Holy Spirit worked in the man's heart as he listened, and he believed.
- 7. "Here's water," the man said as they passed a stream. "Please baptize me! I choose to live a new life for God," the man said. Philip and the man waded into the water and Philip baptized him.
- 8. The African man was so happy! He understood the promises of God's Word. He believed in Jesus and had become one of God's people. He would go home and tell others about Jesus, too.