

Skit of Phil and the Hippy

By Shirley Davis but based on the story of Philip and the Ethiopian in Acts 8

(Change the names of the places to be ones familiar to the audience)

[Characters - Phil, the hippy, and a critic who is seated in the audience. Acting is done as the narration is read]

Phil was an evangelist, and one day he went out from the church in **Henderson** and went to **Shreveport**, and began to preach there in the streets. Crowds gathered around him to hear his message and many people got saved and accepted Jesus as their Lord. Many drug addicts were set free from their habit of taking drugs when they accepted Jesus; many sick people were healed and there was an incredible revival. After some weeks, the Holy Spirit spoke to Phil and told him to leave the city and go through the bayous and back roads towards **New Orleans**.

[Critic – “How stupid – to leave in the middle of a revival just to go wandering about in the swamps!”]

Well, Phil went off walking down the country roads; at times people passed and gave him a ride in their tractor or car to the next community. He didn't know exactly where he was supposed to go, but he continued traveling along the winding, deserted roads. One day, as he was walking down a long dusty road, where there was no shade but lots of mosquitoes to bug him, suddenly a car appeared. It was a big, old Cadillac convertible – and it was bright pink! Driving it was a genuine hippy with long hair and a beard! The car stopped near to Phil.

[Critic – “He seems a real weird guy! I bet he's a druggie! Phil better stay away from him!”]

But the Holy Spirit told Phil to go up to the weirdo, so Phil obeyed. The hippy was listening to a tape of someone reading scriptures.

Phil asked the hippy, “Do you understand what you're hearing?”

The hippy responded, “How can I? It's the King James Version and I don't understand all the “thee's and thou's – I need someone to explain it to me in modern English that I can understand!”

Phil offered to get into the car with him and explain the scriptures to him. He told the hippy about Jesus Christ and how to be saved. Then the hippy prayed a prayer of repentance, was set free from drug addiction and was filled with peace and joy!

[Critic – “I don't believe it! It's too quick! That hippy can't really be saved – he should be taken to a church first and have the Gospel explained properly by the pastor!”]

As they went farther down the road, Phil explained more about the teachings of Jesus and gave the hippy a New International Version Bible. Then, as they rounded a corner, they passed a swampy bayou – immediately the hippy said, “Look, there's water, why can't I be baptized right now, just like you were telling me Jesus said to do?” So they stopped, got out of the car and went down into the creek, and Phil baptized the hippy right there.

[Critic – “He should be baptized correctly – after going through a discipleship course and then do it in the church with the pastor!”]

When they got out of the creek, suddenly the Holy Spirit took Phil off and the hippy never saw him again. So he went on his way in his car toward **Mississippi**, singing and glorifying God! But Phil found himself in **Houston** and so began to preach there.

[Critic – “I think that hippy has backslidden already!”]

What do YOU think?

[Follow with discussion with the children]