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St Philip

This is the feast day of St. Philip the Apostle. Little is known about Philip, but according to legend he went on missionary work to Phrygia (modern Turkey) where he was martyred at Hierapolis.

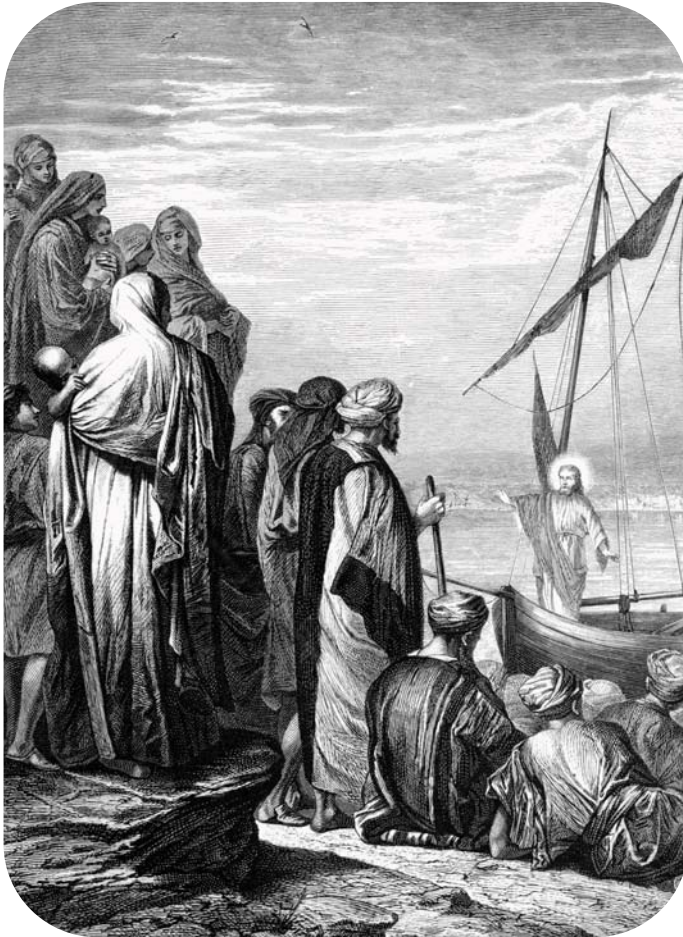


- ① Sit down with the children and show them the series of pictures overleaf. You may wish to lay the sheets out either on a table or the floor, and then read the story.
- ② Ask the children the following questions and discuss them:-
Which part of the story did you like?
Which is your favourite picture and why?
What do you think makes a good friend?
Do you think the boy was generous giving up his food?
What can you give to help others?
- ③ Talk to the children about their friends. Talk about why they choose them.
- ④ Make a hat to celebrate the festival of St Philip. You'll find a hat template in the 'St Philip' section on iChild.

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**St Philip was a friend of Jesus.
His saint's day is celebrated
on May 1st.**



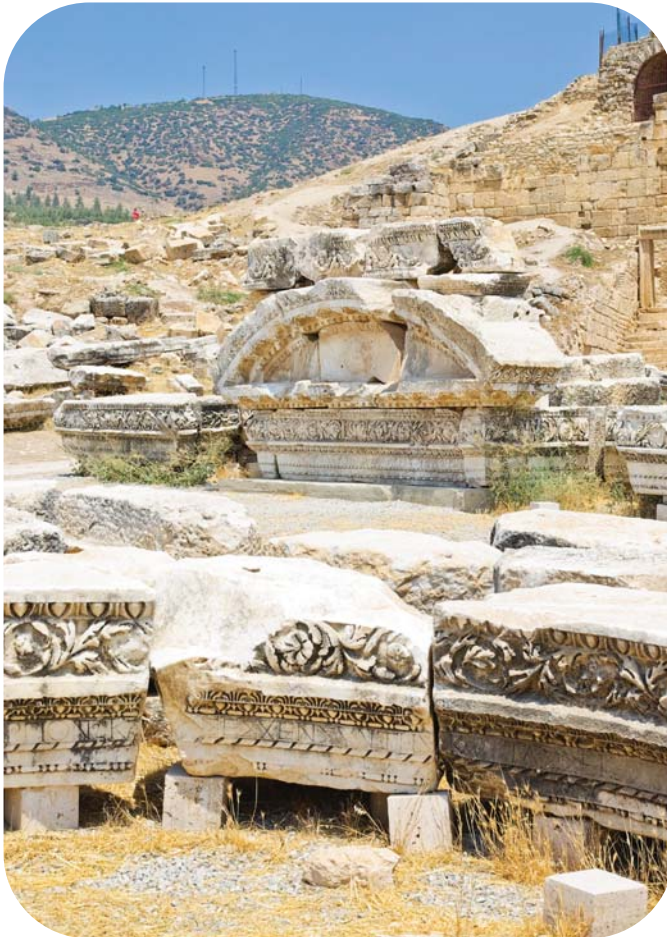
He came from Bethsaida in Galilee where Peter, Andrew, James and John were fisherman and also called to be friends of Jesus.



There is a story about Jesus feeding 5000 people and it was Philip who brought the little boy with his five loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was a miracle that Jesus could feed 5,000 people from 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.



**After Jesus died and rose again,
Philip travelled with his friend
Bartholomew and his sister
Marianne. They told Jesus' story
to Greeks and Syrians.**



When he died he was buried in a tomb found recently in the church located at Pamukkale, known as Hierapolis in ancient times. This is where Philip was said to have been martyred after preaching across Asia Minor. The discovery was made in July 2011



**St Philip is the
patron saint of
hat makers.**