**Philip Notes for large group**

Attention Grabber: Have a jar of jellybeans on stage. Give kids an index card and pencil. Write your name and guess.

Have a volunteer come to front over to the side with calculator. Ask, “What are you doing? Are you calculating the number of beans in the jar?” (Volunteer shakes head.)

Say, at the end of Bible Study, the person closest to the right number will get the jar of jelly beans.

Philip was a “bean counter.” He would have known exactly how many beans were in that jar. Before we learn more about that, let’s get some basic information about Philip.

John 1:43 - Jesus sought him out

John 1:44-45 - Philip studied/knew the Bible.

John 1:46 - Told his friend about Jesus/Come and see

Philip was a “bean counter” or by the book - - Examples:

* John 6:5-6 - - At feeding of the 5000 (it didn’t logically make sense to him)
* John 12:20-22 - - He told Andrew about the visitors who then took them to see Jesus (protocol)
* John 14:1-11 - - Show us the Father (couldn’t accept the truth Jesus had just told him because he just didn’t get it; it didn’t compute in his head)

But something changed…He went from counting the beans a bean sewer. He discovered it’s not enough to know about Jesus, we must believe it in our hearts.

History records that Philip was later greatly used in the spread of the early church

He was one of the first disciples to be martyred (8 years after James).

He was stoned for telling others about Jesus.

Wrap up: You’re going to hear things that don’t compute too. Maybe you’ll hear at school that the earth was created over millions of years instead of in six days like Genesis teaches. Even when things don’t make sense, always believe the Bible since it is truth. Even when logically things just don’t add up, Jesus can do anything!