

LESSON 3

JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Because the Holy Spirit Leads Me, I Am Led

SCRIPTURE: [John 14](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY: While preparing to be with God the Father in heaven, Jesus promises His followers that God will send them the Holy Spirit—God's very presence—to lead them always.

WORD OF WONDER: Your glory fills me with wonder. You do amazing things. —[Exodus 15:11c](#)

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

The Holy Spirit is one with God the Father and God the Son. He is God's powerful, wise, and loving presence, empowering believers to honor God and follow Jesus. The Spirit brings wisdom and knowledge of God's Word, guiding and encouraging God's children.

WHAT?

Before Jesus died on the cross, He comforted His disciples by promising that the Holy Spirit would come to them after He went to be with the Father. The Spirit would be their helper, teaching them all things and reminding them of Jesus' words.

WHERE?

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit's coming during His Passover supper with the disciples in an upper room of a house in Jerusalem. Shortly after, Jesus and His disciples crossed the Kidron Valley to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus was arrested before His crucifixion.

WHEN?

This story took place shortly before Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Jesus and His disciples were in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. The Holy Spirit would later come on the disciples during Pentecost, after Jesus' resurrection and ascension.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

In the book of Ezekiel, God promised to give His people new hearts by placing His own Spirit within them ([Ezekiel 36:26–27](#)). This promise was realized when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers, empowering all believers to reject sin and walk in newness of life.

Activity: Way-to-Go Stepping Game

Ahead of time, place rubber dots on the floor in a random order, or you can use painter's tape to put X's on the floor instead. Be mindful to keep each dot within hopping distance of another dot.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! I'm so glad you're here. Come see what we have today! We have special dots on the floor. And you can hop on them!

Begin by allowing the children to step freely around on the dots. Then ask them to pause while you explain that you're going to be the leader and they should try and hop behind you. They should go and step only where you go and step.

Great job following the leader! Today we'll learn in God's big story how the Holy Spirit—God's powerful, wise, and loving presence—can lead us.

Activity: Roll This Way

Gather the kids in a seated circle. Explain that you will call out a name and the person with the ball should roll it to that person. Kids will roll the ball back and forth across the circle as you call out the names of who gets the ball next.

You all did a great job listening and following my directions! We'll learn today how Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would help lead us. Our Wonder Truth today is **BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS ME, I AM LED.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT—*Point up.*

LEADS ME,—*Point to self.*

I AM LED—*Hold out palm of one hand and walk the fingers of your other hand across the outstretched palm.*

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. God, thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to lead us! Help us trust and follow You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: May you know that you're not alone. And may you remember that God's powerful, wise, and loving presence can lead you and help you, today and all the days of your life.

Activity: Corners

In God's big story today, we learned how the Holy Spirit leads God's children. Let's play a game where we have to listen and follow where the leader leads us to go.

Have the kids stand together. Then point to one corner of the room and tell everyone to go to that corner.

Next, point to another corner (or spot) in the room and tell everyone to go there. You can vary this activity by directing the kids to hop, crawl, scoot, etc., as they go to where you point.