

## LESSON 3 Juniors

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

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

**SCRIPTURE:** [John 14](#)

**WORD OF WONDER:** [Exodus 15:11c](#)

### Prayer of Invitation

God, You love us and do wonderful things for us! Holy Spirit, please fill us with wonder at how amazing You are. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### God's Big Story

#### Bible Time Rhyme

**I open my Bible and what do I see?** (*Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.*)

**God's big story, waiting for me!** (*Point to yourself.*)

**Let's start by reading part of God's big story from the book of John in the Bible. That's a book in the New Testament.**

Read the God's Big Story Script provided or read [John 14:15–31](#) from the Bible.

## GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about the Holy Spirit. Let's find out from the Bible who the Holy Spirit is and how the Holy Spirit helps us!**

Gather kids together. Throughout the story, you will lead the kids in doing three different motions. The first motion is for when you say, "Holy;" you will put your arms straight up over your head like your whole body is an H.

The second motion is for "Spirit;" you will place your arms to the side, with one curved up like a teapot and the other curved down so that together they make an S.

The final motion will be for “leads the way;” you will place fingers, palms, and arms together and straight out in front of you like you are pointing the way. The motions can be done in a seated or standing position. If the children can’t do the motions exactly right, that’s OK. They can do their own version!

**Let’s listen to God’s big story for today. A long time ago, Jesus came to earth, died on the cross, and then rose on the third day.**

**He is alive! And then after a while, Jesus told His friends, the disciples, that it was time for Him to go be with God the Father in heaven. Jesus knew that this would make his friends sad, and so Jesus wanted them to know they would have help after He left.**

**God was going to send the Holy Spirit to help them. The Holy Spirit is God’s powerful, wise, and loving presence. The Holy Spirit leads the way. I am going to say that again, but let’s add some motions to it. Demonstrate the motions for “Holy,” “Spirit, and “leads the way.” Invite the kids to do the motions along with you.**

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**The Holy Spirit was for Jesus’ first followers long ago. And the Holy Spirit is for all people who follow Jesus today!**

**God cares for His people like a loving parent cares for a child.**

**The Holy Spirit leads and helps God’s children. When we trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit teaches us and leads us each day. The Holy Spirit leads the way. Invite the kids to do the motions along with you.**

**Followers of Jesus can always trust these words: *Because the Holy Spirit leads me, I am led.***

**Worship**

**Watch God's Big Story**

## Connecting the Wonder Truth

Our Wonder Truth today is **BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS ME, I AM LED**. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

Many years before Jesus was born, God promised to give His people His presence. When the Holy Spirit came to followers of Jesus, God's promise happened! Now the Holy Spirit lives inside all followers of Jesus, leading and helping those who are in God's family!

## Word of Wonder

### WORD OF WONDER

**Your glory fills me with wonder. You do amazing things.**

—Exodus 15:11c

Today we learned about the Holy Spirit—God's powerful, loving, and wise presence who is with all Jesus-followers. What an amazing gift! Let's practice our Word of Wonder as a way of telling God how incredible He is! The Word of Wonder for the Faith Begins with Wonder series is **Exodus 15:11c**.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **YOUR GLORY FILLS ME**—Hold hands up above your head, then move them down to your sides.
- **WITH WONDER**—Burst hands to the sides above your head.
- **YOU DO**—Point up.
- **AMAZING THINGS**—Jump up and burst hands out to the sides as wide as you can.
- **EXODUS 15:11C**—Hold your hands together in front, palms together, as if opening a book.

Prayer Journal questions:

- **How can we show God we are full of wonder at all He has done for us?** (If the kids need help, offer ideas such as: saying thank You, saying I love You, singing worship songs, loving other people like God loves us.)

