

LARGE GROUP



SCRIPTURE: ROMAN 7

**WONDER TRUTH
JESUS MAKES US NEW**

Countdown Clock

**5 minute countdown clock with music to let kids know it's large group time

Leader Introduction

Hello friends, my name is _____, and it's so good to see you today! Let's start by checking out our ping pong jar. What do we need to do to earn a ping pong ball?

Allow kids to answer: Bring a friend, say Word of Wonder, bring your Bible, bring an offering.

Great job! Now, why do we bring an offering?

Allow kids to answer.

That's right! Everything we have is a gift from God. When we give money, it helps us do special things on Serve the City days. We use the money to help people in our neighborhoods and to show them God's love.

Giving is one way we can help others and tell them about Jesus!

Thank you for giving! Let's have a fun time today!

Let's start by doing our Declaration together. Remember these are truths from the Bible we can hold onto always.

Declaration Video

Worship

Bible Time Rhyme

I open my Bible and What do I see? God's Big Story, Waiting for Me!

Let's hear part of God's big story, which comes from the book of Romans.

God's Big Story

Our God's big story today is about how God makes us into new creations. Can you repeat after me and say, "new creation"? *Encourage kids to say, "new creation."*

A man named Paul wrote a letter to people in Rome, and it's part of the Bible.

Paul told the people that everyone is separated from God because of our sin. *Start with your hands touching and then pull them apart so they are separated.*

Sin is anything wrong things we think, say, and do. Sin keeps us apart from God.

But there's good news! God made a plan to save us so we can be forgiven and close to Him.

Paul said when we believe in Jesus, God's Son, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us and gives us a new heart! When we have a new, clean heart, God forgives our sin, and we can be close with Him again!

Hold up the picture of the caterpillar. A caterpillar starts like this. It makes a cocoon and crawls into it.

After a while, the caterpillar comes out of the cocoon, but it's not a caterpillar anymore. *Hold up the butterfly picture. It's a butterfly!*

When we trust in Jesus, God changes us and makes us new.

He forgives us. He's our close friend.

The Holy Spirit helps us be like God and helps us obey God. Even when things are hard, we can be strong and can still be happy because God is with us.

God takes our old heart with sin and makes it brand new and clean and beautiful!

Watch God's Big Story

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Ask the following question to help kids connect the Wonder Truth to God's big story:

Our Wonder Truth today is **JESUS MAKES US NEW**. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he said that God showed His love for us by sending His Son Jesus, who died for us while we were still sinners. All of us have done wrong things that separate us from God. Through Jesus, our relationship with God is made right, and we're made new!

WORD OF WONDER:

ENCOURAGE THE KIDS TO SAY IT WITH YOU

- **JESUS**—Point fingers from left hand into right palm, then right hand into left palm (sign language for “Jesus”).
- **MAKES US**—Both hands over your heart.
- **NEW**.—Bring both arms out in front of you and down to your sides.
- **FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

PRAYER JOURNAL:

LEAVE THESE QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP LEADERS TO DO IN PRAYER JOURNALS:

- How do we become new creations with Jesus? (If kids need help, offer ideas such as: We trust in Jesus, and He forgives our sins; Jesus makes our hearts new.)
- Do you think God changes? How do you think God changes us?