

LARGE GROUP



SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2

WONDER TRUTH:
HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS
US TO SHARE

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 Acts.

God's Big Story

God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about the disciples who were filled with power from the Holy Spirit. Encourage the kids to say, "Holy Spirit." Let's find out from the Bible what happened in the house where the disciples were gathered.

Jesus died and came back to life. He was going to heaven. But before He went to heaven, Jesus gave His followers a special mission to share His story with all people in the world.

He promised to send a helper. Jesus' followers waited.

One day, a lot of Jesus' followers were gathered in a house celebrating a day called Pentecost.

Suddenly, the whole house filled with a sound like a strong wind blowing! What do you think it sounded like? Invite the kids to blow air loudly like wind. Hold up the Wind Picture.

It was the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit is God's presence. The Holy Spirit filled every person there.

Something that looked like flames of fire came on top of each person in the room. Hold up the Fire Picture over your head.

The Holy Spirit made them speak in languages they did not even know so many different people could learn about Jesus.

If you know any phrases in another language, say them, so the kids get to hear another language.

The people were filled with power from the Holy Spirit.

They went to share the story of Jesus with other people.

When we trust Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us. The Holy Spirit gives us power too! The Holy Spirit helps us tell others about Jesus.

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 **THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO SHARE GOD'S STORY**. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

Many years before Jesus was born, in the Old Testament, a messenger of God named Joel gave a message from God that one day, God would send His Spirit to His people (Joel 2:28–29). Jesus promised to send a helper to His followers (Acts 1:8). Both of those things happened at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to the followers of Jesus.

WORD OF WONDER:

ENCOURAGE THE KIDS TO SAY IT WITH YOU

- **THE HOLY SPIRIT**—Move arms up and in a circle in front of your body, palms facing out.
- **GIVES US**—Point to yourself.
- **POWER**.—Flex your arm muscles.
- **FROM ACTS 1:8**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.
- _____

PRAYER JOURNAL:

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

- How does the Holy Spirit give us power?
- How can you share about God with others this week?