

LARGE GROUP



SCRIPTURE: LUKE 11; JOHN 14;
GALATIANS 5

WONDER TRUTH:
THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS
AND GUIDES US

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 Luke, John and Galatians.

God's Big Story

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about when God sent a special gift to Jesus' followers. We'll learn about the Holy Spirit. *Encourage the kids to say, "Holy Spirit." Let's find out from the Bible what happened.*

I'll lead you as I tell this story, and you follow my lead and do what I do.

Before Jesus went to heaven, He told His disciples that He would not leave them alone. The Holy Spirit was coming to be with them.

The Holy Spirit is God's powerful, wise, and loving presence. *Stand up and walk in place. Invite the kids to follow your lead and do the same.*

Jesus' promise happened. The Holy Spirit came to live inside of Jesus' followers and helped them share God's story with others. *Put your hands at your mouth like you're sharing a secret or message with others. Invite the kids to follow your lead and do the same.*

The Holy Spirit helps Jesus' followers obey God and do what He wants.

The Holy Spirit helps people become more like Jesus and teaches us what God is like. *Put your hands at your ear like you're listening. Invite the kids to follow your lead and do the same.*

God gives the Holy Spirit to live in everyone who trusts in Jesus and follows Him.

The Spirit will always help us when we need help. *Put your hands together in a praying hands position and invite the kids to do the same.* **The Spirit guides us each day to become more like 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 HELPS AND GUIDES US**. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

God is three persons but still one true God: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. We call this the Trinity. God gives the Holy Spirit as a gift to every Jesus-follower. As followers of Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in us. That means that the Spirit who fills Jesus-followers is fully God. The Spirit living in us is the same powerful God who was there when God created the world and who raised Jesus from the dead.

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:

- What does the Holy Spirit give us power to do? (obey God and to become more like Jesus, share His story)
- What do you need the Holy Spirit's power and help with today?