

LARGE GROUP



SCRIPTURE: ACTS 3-4

WONDER TRUTH:
THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS
US BE BOLD

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

Our God's big story today is about two men, named Peter and John, who were bold and brave when they told people about Jesus. *Encourage the kids to say, "Peter" and then "John."* Let's find out from the Bible what happened!

One day, Peter and John were walking to the temple to pray.

They were followers of Jesus. *Set out two toy men to be Peter and John and have them walk a short distance.*

The temple was the place where people went to worship God. Peter and John saw a man at one of the gates. This man could not walk.

He sat at the gate to ask people for money. *Set out a third toy man and have him lie down near Peter and John.*

The man asked Peter and John for money. Peter told the man he didn't have any money to give, but he had something even better.

Peter said, "In the name of Jesus, walk!" And the man walked!

He walked, and he jumped, and he praised God, too. *Make the healed man figure jump up and walk and dance around.*

When other people saw this man walking and praising God, they were surprised that he was healed. Then Peter and John told the people all about Jesus. They said that God healed the man. *Set out three toy people in a line in front of Peter, John, and the healed man.*

Peter and John weren't afraid to talk about Jesus because the Holy Spirit helped them be bold.

Some of the leaders at the temple didn't like that Peter and John were teaching about Jesus, so they put Peter and John in jail. *Have the last two toy people come and take Peter and John away from the others.*

That feels like it could be kind of scary, huh? But Peter and John didn't have to worry or feel scared because the Holy Spirit helps us be bold and brave.

The Holy Spirit helped Peter be bold when he told the leaders the man was healed in the name of Jesus! *Have Peter and John turn around and face the leaders to talk to them.*

When the leaders realized that Peter and John were not scared and that they knew a lot about Jesus, they let them go! Peter and John kept boldly sharing about Jesus everywhere. The Holy Spirit helps us be bold!

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 US BE BOLD**. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

All throughout the Bible, we see examples of times when the Holy Spirit helped people be brave and bold. The Holy Spirit helped Joshua lead God's people—the Israelites—after Moses. The Holy Spirit helped Gideon—a soldier—in battle. The Holy Spirit helped King David be brave and bold. The same Holy Spirit brought Jesus back to life and filled the Jesus-followers at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit lives in us when we trust in Jesus and helps us be bold.

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:

- Who is someone close to you that you can share about Jesus with? (Possible answers: a family member, a friend at school or play group, a friend next door you play with, etc.)
- Who is someone you know who lives far away that you can share about Jesus with? (Possible answers: a friend who has moved away, a relative who lives far away, or someone you meet while you're on vacation.)