

# LARGE GROUP



SCRIPTURE: ACTS 10

WONDER TRUTH:  
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FOR  
EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES

## 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 a great story from the Bible about Peter and Cornelius. Encourage the kids to say, "Peter" and then "Cornelius." Let's find out from the Bible what happened!**

*Invite the kids to hold onto the sides of the bedsheet or blanket and put the stuffed animals on the bedsheet.*

**In the book of Acts in the Bible, we learn about a man named Peter who followed God.**

**Peter was Jewish. Jesus' first followers were Jews.**

**They were related to God's special people and followed the laws and teachings God gave His people. Peter was praying and had a vision from God.**

**A vision is like a dream. In the vision, Peter saw a big white sheet being lowered from heaven.**

*The sheet was filled with all kinds of animals. Encourage the kids to raise and lower the sheet with stuffed animals as you tell this part of the story. When you finish, collect the sheet.*

**Cornelius followed God. He was not Jewish, but he loved and wanted to follow God.**

**One day, an angel from God told Cornelius to invite Peter to his home.**

**Then Peter went downstairs and met the three men Cornelius had sent. They all went to Cornelius' house, and Peter understood the vision God had given him!**

**God wasn't trying to teach Peter about animals. God was teaching Peter that He wants everyone to know Him and follow Him, even people who aren't Jews.**

**People don't have to like the same animals or eat the same foods to know and follow God. They just have to believe in Jesus and follow and trust Him.**

**Peter shared about Jesus with Cornelius and all the people living in his house.**

**They all believed, and the Holy Spirit filled them all.**

**We're all different too, and there are lots of people in the world—some who are like us and some who are different.**

**God loves every one of us. He wants to be close with us. The Holy Spirit is for everyone who believes!**

# 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 IS FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES**. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely. God chose to save the world from sin and death through a special family, and His family was called the Israelites, or Hebrew people. Jesus was born from that family . But God didn't just offer salvation to the Israelites. God invites everyone into His family. We can be a part of God's family when we trust in Jesus and can be children of God.

### 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.
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### PRAYER JOURNAL:

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

- What kind of power do you think people receive when the Holy Spirit is in them? (power to tell others about Jesus, power to be strong and brave, power to obey God and not sin)
- What have you done so far today? How have you needed power so far today?