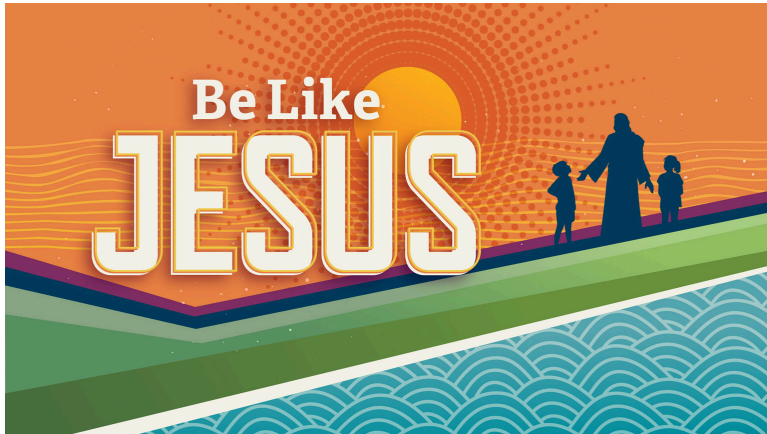


# LARGE GROUP



**SCRIPTURE: GALATIANS 5**

**WONDER TRUTH:  
GOD HELPS US BE LIKE JESUS**

## 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 Galatians.

# God's Big Story

Our God's big story today...

is a great story from the Bible written by a person named Paul. *Encourage the kids to say, "Paul."* Let's find out from the Bible what Paul said!

In God's big story, a man named Paul wrote a letter (*pretend to write a letter on your hand*) to churches in a place called Galatia. Paul wanted people in the churches in Galatia to know more about Jesus and to be like Him.

Paul told the people that when we sin, or do those wrong things, it is the opposite of the good life God wants for us.

But Paul said if we trust God, His Spirit will help us do the right things and become more and more like Jesus. Make a happy face.

We can't make these changes on our own. *Shake your head.*

We need the Holy Spirit. As you trust in God, the Holy Spirit will grow good things—or fruit—in your life. It's like not apples and oranges that we can eat though! It is the good things that help us be like Jesus.

Here's the fruit that can grow in your life with the Holy Spirit's help. Say each word slowly and invite the kids to repeat each word.

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-control

Let's talk about what each of those words means.

The Holy Spirit helps us love God and others.

Joy is deep happiness, instead of wanting things only for ourselves.

Peace is when we get along with others and have a deep calmness in our hearts that everything is OK.

Patience means we can wait calmly until the time is right.

Kindness is treating others nicely, instead of being mean.

Gentleness is when we aren't hurtful to others.

Goodness is doing what's right.

Faithfulness means trusting in God and believing in Him.

Self-control is when we stop ourselves from doing something we should not do. So we do the right thing instead. This is how God wants us to live!

Great job! Jesus showed these things to people when He lived on earth. He loved others. He was patient and gentle. Jesus was also joyful and kind. When we trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us and makes us like Jesus, and the fruit of the Spirit grows in our lives.

# Watch God's Big Story

## Connecting the Wonder Truth

Our Wonder Truth Today is...

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

During the Old Testament, God gave His people laws, or guidelines, to love Him and be a part of His family. But no one could follow the law perfectly on their own. When Jesus came, He fulfilled the law! Now when we follow Jesus, we're part of God's family! And instead of trying hard on our own, we can follow the Holy Spirit, who helps us grow to be more like Jesus.

### WORD OF WONDER:

ENCOURAGE THE KIDS TO SAY IT WITH YOU

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS—Draw a large “S” into the air.

LOVE,—Pat your hands on your heart.

- JOY,—Put your arms up as if celebrating.

PEACE,—Place palms together by cheek and ear to indicate “sleep.”

PATIENCE,—Point to a pretend watch on your wrist.

- KINDNESS,—Pretend to give someone a hug.

- GOODNESS,—Make a thumbs-up.

- FAITHFULNESS,—Make two fists and start with the right fist on top, hitting the left fist, then switch and pound the left fist on top of the right.

GENTLENESS,—Pretend to gently rock a baby.

AND SELF-CONTROL.—Point to yourself with your thumbs.

GALATIANS 5:22–23a—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

### PRAYER JOURNAL:

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

- What is the fruit of the Spirit? (the good qualities the Holy Spirit grows in us when we trust in Jesus)

How does the Holy Spirit come to live in us? (When we trust in Jesus and follow Him, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us and changes us.)