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KNOWN, LOVED, LED

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: My Life Can Tell of God's Wonder!

SCRIPTURE: [Genesis 12](#); [Deuteronomy 6](#); [Romans 5](#); [1 Corinthians 8, 15](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY: God has always known, loved, and led His people. Though we haven't always followed faithfully, God has a plan to call us to Himself.

WORD OF WONDER: But whoever loves God is known by God. —[1 Corinthians 8:3](#)

Object Lesson: Dominoes

Activity: Known, Loved, Led, Wonder

Worship

God's Big Story

Prayer and Blessing

Activity: Wonder Jump

WonderTM@Home

Help families engage in the wonder of God together with a video, conversation starter, hands-on activities, and more designed just for them. [WONDER@HOME \(PDF\)](#)



LESSON 1 **FOR LEADERS**

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: My Life Can Tell of God's Wonder!

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Uh-oh ... preparing this Wonder Ink lesson could be a challenge.

Not because it's a tough lesson to teach, but because the Wonder Truth isn't just for your kids. It's for you too.

You'll share with kids the truth that, because they're known, loved, and led, their lives can tell of God's wonder. At first glance, there's not much challenge there. Of course, you're known by God—He made you. And of course, Jesus loves you—God is love. The challenge lies in the “led” part of the lesson. Because you're only led if you're actually following.

This week, you'll touch on a few of the many times God's people lived defiantly rather than follow God's leading, which raises the question: Where do you fit into that narrative?

Are you a fan of Jesus ... or a follower?

Following Jesus isn't a one-and-done decision. It happens hourly as you choose how to handle conflicts, complete a job, or spend a paycheck.

We point this out not to wag a finger your direction but to remind you that we're praying for you ... and your kids. We're praying your lives will declare God's wonder because you're following Jesus faithfully, sharing His love joyfully, and enjoying His presence constantly.

And we ask that you pray for us too.

We're on this journey of faith and discipleship together—and what a joy it is to travel with you.

—Mikal Keefer

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DID YOU KNOW?**FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS****WHO?**

After meeting the risen Jesus, Paul became an apostle with a special mission to Gentiles (non-Jews) ([Galatians 2:9](#)). Paul, a Pharisee skilled in the interpretation of Israel's Scripture, teaches that God welcomes all who have faith, both Jews and Gentiles alike.

WHAT?

Paul has a complex response to a social dilemma facing Gentiles: whether Christians should avoid eating meat offered to idols in pagan ceremonies. Paul agrees that idols have no real existence ([1 Corinthians 8:4](#)), but he cares about any potential for misunderstanding.

WHERE?

Paul first established the church in Corinth (modern-day Greece), and his letters show that he exchanged correspondence with them and planned future visits ([1 Corinthians 5:9; 16:5–9](#)). The church in Corinth had many problems and divisions, as it was made up of recent converts from paganism.

WHEN?

The Corinthian church was founded during Paul's missionary travels ([Acts 18:1, 11](#)). Paul probably died in Rome before AD 65, which means it's likely Paul wrote 1 Corinthians in the 50s. First Corinthians became especially well-known among Christians in the first and second centuries.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

Paul saw the many difficulties within the Corinthian church, but he hoped their faith would be a testimony of God's covenant faithfulness. We know that the same God made a covenant with Abraham, came to earth as Jesus, and leads through the Holy Spirit. The one and only God had a plan all along!

Object Lesson: Dominoes

SUPPLIES: wooden blocks

Welcome the kids to church. Show the kids how to set up wooden blocks in a line. Demonstrate how you knock one down to cause a chain reaction, which makes all the dominoes fall. Set up the dominoes in various line formations and let the kids take turns knocking them down.

The dominoes fall because of a chain reaction. One knocks the other down, and that one knocks the next one down. It keeps going until the whole line falls! It reminds me of how we can cause a chain reaction in others by sharing God's wonder with them! We'll learn more about that today as we discover we're known by God, loved by Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, and our lives can tell of God's wonder!

Let the kids explore and play with the dominoes as you talk with them about God's wonder.

Activity: Known, Loved, Led, Wonder

Today we're learning that we're known by God, loved by Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, and that our lives can tell of God's wonder. Let's do an activity to help us remember this!

Encourage the kids to act out motions as you say the words.

KNOWN—*Point to your head with both hands.*

LOVED—*Cross your arms over your heart.*

LED—*March like you're following the leader.*

WONDER—*Burst your arms up and over your head.*

Say the words multiple times. Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the words along with you. To make it more challenging, say the words fast and do the motions quickly, then say the words slowly and do the motions slowly.

You did a great job of following the motions as I led you! We can follow God and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us! And when we know we're known by God, loved by Jesus, and led by the Holy Spirit, our lives can tell of God's wonder! We get to be a part of His story and share His story!

Our Wonder Truth today is: MY LIFE CAN TELL OF GOD'S WONDER!

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

MY LIFE—*Point to yourself.*

CAN TELL—*Hold your hands together, then open palms, as if opening a book.*

OF GOD'S—*Point up.*

WONDER!—*Burst your arms up and over your head.*

God's Big Story

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [Bible Story Picture](#)

God's big story today is about how our lives can tell of God's wonder. Encourage the kids to say, "wonder." **Let's find out more!**

Read the story from the Bible from [1 Corinthians 8:6; 15:21–22, 53–57](#), or use the script provided.

You can help tell the story by showing feelings on your face as you listen. If I say, "happy," show me a happy face! Allow the kids to respond. **If I say, "sad," show a sad face.** Allow the kids to respond.

A long time ago, God promised to bless all the people through someone named Abraham and his family. That's happy! Show a happy face. Allow the kids to respond.

Abraham's family grew and grew, but they didn't always follow God. That's sad. Show a sad face. Allow the kids to respond.

But God still had a plan to help His people. His plan would give all of us a way to be forgiven when we make wrong choices. God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth for us.

That calls for a happy face. Allow the kids to respond.

Jesus loves us and died for all of us, even though He didn't deserve to die. It's sad that Jesus died. Show a sad face. Allow the kids to respond. **Because Jesus died and then came back to life, we can be forgiven for the things we do wrong.**

We can have a relationship with God and become His children when we trust Jesus as our Savior! That's awesome news! Show me your best happy faces. Allow the kids to respond.

When we follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live in us and help us. The Holy Spirit wants to lead all of us in becoming the people we were created to be. Show a happy face. Allow the kids to respond. **We can show people how amazing God is and share His story.**

When you're known, loved, and led by God, your life can tell of God's wonder!

Prayer and Blessing

Let's pray and talk to God and thank Him for how He knows us, loves us, and leads us.

God, thank You for Your great love for us. Thank You for knowing us and giving us the Holy Spirit to lead us. Lead us to become more like You and share Your wonder every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God knows you, through and through. He loves you with a love that's deep, wide, and strong—stronger than life itself. May God help you always follow Him joyfully, today and all your days. Go with God and let your life share His wonder with the world.

Activity: Wonder Jump

We've been learning that we're known by God, loved by Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, and that our lives can tell of God's wonder. When you hear me say the word "wonder," you'll jump up and down and celebrate.

We can celebrate joyfully as we get to be a part of God's big story and share His wonder (encourage the kids to jump and celebrate) with the world!

Because we're known by God, loved by Jesus, and led by the Holy Spirit, we become children of God, whose lives can share God's wonder! Encourage the kids to jump and celebrate.

Remember today and every day: Your life can tell of God's wonder! Encourage the kids to jump and celebrate.