

May 6, 2026-LESSON 3

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**LESSON AT A GLANCE****WONDER TRUTH:** The Holy Spirit Helps and Guides Us**SCRIPTURE:** [Luke 11](#); [John 14](#); [Galatians 5](#)**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to fill His disciples, helping them follow Him and share the good news! Jesus-followers today are filled with the same internal guide and helper—God's promised Holy Spirit.**WORD OF WONDER:** The Holy Spirit gives us power. —from [Acts 1:8](#)**CURIOSITY**

Hands-on activities to spark curiosity and get kids thinking about the wonder of God

- Play Stations:
 - Magnet Play
 - Puzzles
- Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions
- Declaring God's Wonder

**BELIEF**

An interactive dive into Scripture that guides kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder

- Prayer of Invitation and Worship
- God's Big Story
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Word of Wonder: [From Acts 1:8](#)

FAITH

An intentional conversation that helps kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own

- Game: Guide Me

IDENTITY

An interactive worship response activity that creates space for God to remind kids that they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder

- Prayer and Blessing
- Closing Game: Follow Through the Hoops

Wonder@Home[™]Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more! [WONDER@HOME \(PDF\)](#)



Curiosity

Spark curiosity and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

Play Stations

SUPPLIES: magnets (several), small magnetic items (such as paper clips and small metal toys), cookie sheets (several), puzzles

Play Station: Magnet Play

Set up: Set out magnets, magnetic items (such as paper clips and small metal toys), and cookie sheets. Watch carefully to ensure the kids don't put small objects in their mouths.

Play: Let the kids play with the magnets and move them around on the cookie sheets. They can make various designs. Encourage them to use one magnet to "guide" the small metal items around the cookie sheet.

Play Station: Puzzles

Set up: Set out a variety of puzzles.

Play: Invite the kids to help one another as they put the puzzles together.

Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: puppet

For this section, you can use the cat picture provided, or a stuffed animal cat, or a cat hand puppet. Introduce the kids to Tac, the curious cat.

Leader: You may remember our friend Tac, the curious cat. He's always asking questions. He has a question for you. Are you ready?

Tac the Cat: Hi, kids! Today I'm curious about what I should do ... I'm having a problem.

Leader: What's your problem, Tac?

Tac the Cat: My friend and I got into a fight, and I don't know what to do next. I miss playing with my friend.

Leader: That's too bad. It's hard to be in a fight with a friend. Have you thought about praying and asking God for help?

Tac the Cat: What? I could ask God to help me with my friend problem?

Leader: Yes, God will always help us! You can ask the Holy Spirit—that's God's loving and wise presence—to help you know what to do. You can pray for your friend too.

Tac the Cat: I didn't know that the Holy Spirit can help us!

Leader: Yes, we're going to learn about it in our story today. God gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus, and the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. The Holy Spirit helps us in many ways. The Holy Spirit is God. The Holy Spirit can give us wisdom—that means helping us know what to do. We need wisdom from God, especially in tough situations, like a fight with a friend.

Tac the Cat: I would love some help and wisdom from God. I think this will be a great story.

Leader: We'll learn all about it when we hear about God's big story today!

Tac the Cat: That sounds great! Well, I've got more exploring and thinking to do! I'm going to go pray and then find my friend!

Have you ever been curious about something? Let's take a moment and think: What do you need help doing? Allow the kids to respond. **Who do you ask for help when you need to know what to do?** Allow the kids to respond. **We all have times when we need help doing something. Did you ever stop to think about how God wants to help us?**

Today's Wonder Truth is THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS AND GUIDES US. Today we'll discover how the Holy Spirit helps and guides us!

Declaring God's Wonder

Show the Early Childhood Declaration [Video](#) or [Slide](#) and encourage the kids to say the statements and do the motions with you.

Thank You, God, that You made me! *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Make prayer hands, then point up to God and to yourself.

And I am Your kid! *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Put your hands on your hips.

Jesus loves me so much; *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.

His love for me is big. *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.

The Holy Spirit leads me, *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Bring your arms down from above, making a path in front of you.

And I can follow You. *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

March in place like you're following the leader.

My life can tell Your story, *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.

I'm a wonder; this is true. *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*

Put your hands up, shake your fingers, and celebrate ("praise hands").



Belief

Guide kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

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

Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week with the kids before the Bible story, to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

I open my Bible and what do I see? *Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.*

God's big story, waiting for me! *Point to yourself.*

Let's hear part of God's big story, which comes from the books of Luke, John, and Galatians in the Bible. Those books are in the New Testament.

Read the God's big story script provided or read [John 14:16–18](#) and [Luke 11:9–13](#) from the Bible. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give the kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

Watch God's Big Story

Watch [The Role of the Holy Spirit God's Big Story Video](#)!



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.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Who was changed by the Holy Spirit and wrote about the Holy Spirit in today's part of God's big story?** (*Paul*)
- **Who does the Holy Spirit live inside?** (*Jesus' disciples, people who trust in Jesus*)
- **Why did the disciples need the Holy Spirit?** (*to share the story of Jesus with others*)
- **Share about a time when you needed help and someone helped you.**
- **How does the Holy Spirit help us?** (*changes us to be more like Jesus, speaks to our hearts and helps us choose not to sin, changes us so that we want to do the things that please God, helps and guides us*)
- **What can we do when we need help from the Holy Spirit?** (*pray and ask for help, listen, read the Bible*)
- **What do you need the Holy Spirit to help you with?**

Word of Wonder

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Power of the Spirit Word of Wonder [Slide](#)

WORD OF WONDER

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

—Acts 1:8 (NIV)

*note: this is a 6 week series, the next 2 weeks- we'll continue to learn the first part of the verse of the series then for the last 3 weeks, add the last part.

Today we learned that God sent the Holy Spirit to guide Jesus' followers. The Holy Spirit gives us power to obey God and follow His ways. What's something you need help with?

Allow kids to respond. Offer your own suggestion if kids need help (examples: following rules at home, being kind to one another, being brave when I'm afraid, etc.).

We can ask God to help us with many things, and He loves to help us! Jesus said that God will give the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks because God is our Father in heaven. And God

gives good gifts like a father giving good gifts to his kids. And the Holy Spirit will be our helper and our guide.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **But you will receive power** —*Flex your arm muscles.*
- **when the Holy Spirit** —*Move arms up and in a circle in front of your body, palms facing out.*
- **comes on you;** —*Point to yourself.*
- **and you will be my witnesses** —*Cup your hand around your mouth.*
- **in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,** —*Point in a line 3 times- to the left for Jerusalem, middle for Judea, right for Samaria*
- **and to the ends of the earth**—*Bring your arms and hands above your head and then bring them down in a circle to meet at the bottom.*
- **FROM ACTS 1:8**—*Hold your hands together as if opening a book.*

Faith



Help kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own story.

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: The Holy Spirit Helps and Guides Us

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11; John 14; Galatians 5

WORD OF WONDER: From Acts 1:8

Game: Guide Me

SUPPLIES: blindfolds (1 per kid), small obstacles (such as cones, disposable cups, or toys)

Ahead of time, create a simple obstacle course or maze for kids to take turns being guided through. Use small obstacles such as cones, disposable cups, or toys to create challenges.

Help each kid find a partner (or you can be the “helper” for each kid).

Everyone will get a partner, and then you'll go through this obstacle course while wearing a blindfold. You need to get from one side of the room to the other without touching a roadblock. But you won't be able to see where you're stepping! You'll take turns being the one who guides and the kid who wears the blindfold. The partner without a blindfold will help guide you through this maze, like the Holy Spirit guides us when we need help. Think of times you may need help in life or when you have problems. Pause and allow the kids to think of times when they need help.

How can God help you with that problem or situation? Allow the kids to respond. **When we trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us and is our friend, teacher, guide, and helper. We might face problems or hard times, but we aren't alone. The Holy Spirit helps us when we need help.**

Let the kids take turns wearing a blindfold and then being the one to guide a partner with their words and hands through the obstacle course without touching the roadblocks.



Identity

Create space for God to remind kids that they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder.

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, and thank God for giving us the Holy Spirit who guides and helps us.

Let's pray and talk to God. Think of something you need God to help you with. Let's pause and pray together, and you can ask God for help with whatever you need help with. Pause and invite the kids to pray.

God, thank You for giving the Holy Spirit to guide us. Thank You for helping us and leading us. Help us follow and obey You. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out 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 sent the Holy Spirit to His disciples, and He sends the Spirit to us too. May you always remember that the Holy Spirit will guide you and give you the power to do what He tells you to do. Always and at all times, God hears you and He loves you!

Closing Activity: Follow Through the Hoops

SUPPLIES: large plastic hoops (at least 4)

Today we learned from God's big story that God gives us the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit helps us and guides us. The Holy Spirit helped the disciples tell many people about Jesus, and He can help us be more like Jesus! Let's play a game of Follow the Leader. The leader is going to guide us through the hoops.

The hoops represent difficult things we face in life, where we may need God's help. What are some circumstances we may go through in which we would need help from the Holy Spirit? Allow the kids to respond. The Holy Spirit can help and guide you through all of those hard things. Let's practice letting a leader guide and lead us as we go through the hoops.

Choose volunteers to hold up the large plastic hoops so kids can walk through them, one after another. Have kids line up and follow the leader around the room, walking through the hoops.

To make it more challenging, the people holding the hoops can wiggle them, or the kids can hop or close their eyes while walking through the hoops.

Play multiple rounds and let different kids take turns being the leader.