



**BIG IDEA**

The Holy Spirit is a radical power.

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# Power

**GOD STORY**

Saul and Barnabas  
Encounter a Sorcerer  
Acts 13:4–12

**KEY VERSE**

When anyone lives in  
Christ, the new creation  
has come. The old is gone!  
The new is here!  
*2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV)*

**LEADER TIP**

Some Bible stories have a lot going on in them, and there are many things you could focus on. That's why we have a Big Idea for each lesson. The Big Idea helps bring into focus one thing that we really want the kids to learn, understand, and apply to their own lives.

## My Story

**1 | CONVERSATION STARTER** (2 minutes)

Lead into today's lesson by talking about the Holy Spirit and the trinity. Introduce the Big Idea.

**2 | INTRO ACTIVITY** (5 minutes)

Have fun observing the power of wind. Emphasize that even though wind cannot be seen, it can move objects!

## God Story | Life Story

**3 | WEEKLY VIDEO** (12 minutes)

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

## My Story

**4 | SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY** (12 minutes\*)

Work in groups to prepare a creative way to present the God Story and connect it to this week's Big Idea.

**5 | WRAP-UP ACTIVITY** (8 minutes)

Encourage the kids to consider what they need the Holy Spirit's help with and what God might want them to tell someone. Then pray together.

## Our Story

**6 | DISMISSAL**

Connect with parents and give them take-home materials.

\*Extend as needed and adjust the timing for other activities.



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## My Story

### 1 | Conversation Starter

**SUPPLIES**

- None

**LEADER TIP**

- The Holy Spirit is Jesus' presence with us, which arrived after Jesus returned to be with God. Even though Jesus lives in heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father, we have his Spirit with us here on earth. Sometimes we talk about Jesus "living in our hearts" but it is the Holy Spirit who lives in us. Among other things, he helps and guides us, gives us boldness to share about Jesus, and comforts us in our troubles.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- As the kids arrive, welcome them and gather everyone together.
- Ask:
  - Who or what is the Holy Spirit?
  - How is the Holy Spirit connected to God and Jesus?
  - What do we call all three together? (the trinity)?
  - Two different symbols are used to represent the Holy Spirit. Any guesses what they are? (dove and fire)
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **The Holy Spirit is a radical power.**

### 2 | Intro Activity

**SUPPLIES**

- Masking tape
- Ping-pong balls
- Paper fans
- Cups

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY**

- Tape a line on the floor to mark a throwing spot.
- Place a cup about a meter (three feet) from the taped line.
- Set up multiple stations to increase the number of kids who can do the activity.

**LEADER TIP**

- Depending on your group's throwing abilities, you may need to adjust the placement of the cups.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Explain that the kids are going to try to throw a ping-pong ball into the cup. The catch: someone will be waving a fan and blowing air past the top of the cup, which could blow the ping-pong ball off course.
- Direct each of the kids to take a turn throwing the ping-pong ball into a cup and using a fan.
- After everyone has had a turn doing both, discuss:
  - What was easy about this activity? What was difficult about it?
  - How did the wind from the fan affect where the ball went?
  - Could you see the air as it moved the ball?
- To wrap up, note that even if the kids didn't see the wind, they could see it move the ball. The same can be said for the Holy Spirit. **The Holy Spirit is a radical power** moving through our lives.



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## God Story | Life Story

### 3 | Weekly Video

**SUPPLIES**

- Video file

**LEADER TIP**

- Get the kids' initial reactions right after watching the video. Ask what stood out to them and clarify ideas as needed.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Play the video. It includes:
  - Host segment
  - God Story (Saul and Barnabas Encounter a Sorcerer, Acts 13:4–12)
  - Key Verse segment
  - Life Story (Negative self-talk was part of Mike's life until he developed an intimate relationship with God. That connection with God and the Holy Spirit changed his life in incredible ways.)
- b. Discuss:
  - What is the Key Verse for this series? (2 Corinthians 5:17)
  - What was the Life Story about in today's video?
  - What was the God Story about?
  - How do you think these two stories and today's Big Idea (**The Holy Spirit is a radical power**) connect?

## My Story

### 4 | Small Group Activity

**SUPPLIES**

- Paper
- Markers
- Pens
- Bibles
- Play dough

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Divide the kids into groups of two to four people.
- b. Direct them to work together to retell today's God Story, focusing on the Big Idea: **The Holy Spirit is a radical power**. Show them the supplies that are available to them and encourage everyone to get creative! If needed, suggest the following options:
  - Draw a comic strip or poster of Acts 13:4–12.
  - Act out the God Story.
  - Write a song, poem, or rap to retell the story.
  - Shape some play dough into scene(s).
  - Use symbols and actions instead of words (i.e., mime) to tell the story.
- c. Give everyone about five minutes to prepare.
- d. When the groups are ready, invite them to share their presentations with everyone. If you have many groups, select a few to present.



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## My Story

### 5 | Wrap-Up Activity

**SUPPLIES**

- Dove activity pages
- Pens

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Remain in your small group and sit in a circle.
- Point out that the same Holy Spirit who was at work in Paul and Barnabas is at work in everyone who follows Jesus as Lord today!
- Give each person an activity page and a pen.
- Read aloud the text printed on the page.
- Give the kids a couple of minutes to write their responses to the following questions:
  - What do you need the Holy Spirit's help with? For example, are you afraid of something? Or do you feel too nervous to do something?
  - Is there anything you think God wants you to tell someone?
- Invite everyone to share their answers with one another.
- Pray for each member of your group by name. Ask God to help them be sensitive to hearing his voice, and then to act on it!

## Our Story

### 6 | Dismissal

**SUPPLIES**

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse colouring pages

**LEADER TIP**

- Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
- Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
- Offer a Key Verse card and a colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
- Remind the kids to take their crafts.
- Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group's space.