

## Belief

## LESSON 3 Juniors

**WONDER TRUTH:** The Holy Spirit Gives Us Power**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 13**WORD OF WONDER:** From Romans 12:2

## Prayer of Invitation

God, thank You for this time to study Your Word and learn more about You. We invite the Holy Spirit to lead us and fill us with power so we can share the love of Jesus with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## God's Big Story

## Bible Time Rhyme

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 book of Acts in the Bible.

Read the God's Big Story Script provided or read [Acts 13:1–12](#) from the Bible.

**God's Big STORY SCRIPT:  
PAUL AND BARNABAS****Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [God's Big Story Video](#)

In this part of God's big story today, we're learning a great story from the Bible about two people named Paul and Barnabas. Encourage the kids to say, "Paul" and then "Barnabas."

Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Paul and Barnabas!

We're going to use some of the motions we just did. When I say, "Holy Spirit," we'll point up (demonstrate pointing up and allow kids to point up as well),

and when I say, "power" we'll make a strong motion like this (flex muscles and have kids flex as well).

Paul was one of the leaders in the church. The Holy Spirit (point up) told Paul and Barnabas that they should go on a special mission to tell people about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit (point up) is God with us.

So Barnabas and Paul went on a trip to share the good news of Jesus.

They got on a boat and went to a place called Cyprus. The leader there was named Paulus. He was excited to meet Paul and Barnabas, but there was a man there who lied to people.

That man told Paulus not to listen to the good news about Jesus.

But Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit (point up) and told the man that he was wrong.

When the leader Paulus saw what happened, he knew that the Holy Spirit (point up) was with Paul and Barnabas and gave them power (flex muscles).

Now, Paulus was ready to listen and learn about Jesus!

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit (point up) to be with His people. The Holy Spirit (point up) gives us power (flex muscles)!

## Watch God's Big Story

## Worship

## Connecting the Wonder Truth

Our Wonder Truth today is **THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US POWER**. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

A false prophet is someone who pretends to speak for God, such as Elymas in today's story. Throughout the Bible, God warns His people against false prophets and tells them to test prophets to see if they are false. A true prophet acknowledges that Jesus came as God "in the flesh." Only the Spirit of God speaks for God. That same spirit is in us when we follow Jesus!

## Word of Wonder

Have kids sit in a circle or call a few up to the stage for the audience to copy.

**DON'T COPY**—*Shake head and place open palms together.*

**THE WAYS OF THE WORLD**.—*Draw a large circle in the air.*

**LET GOD**—*Point up.*

**TRANSFORM YOU**.—*Place hand on your heart.*

**ROMANS 12:2**—*Hold your hands open, as if holding a book.*

Our Word of Wonder has the word copy in it. If I shake my head like this (shake your head in a no motion), what would you do to copy me? Allow kids to shake their heads. Each of you will get a chance to say the verse, and everyone else will have to copy how you say it. You can say it in a silly voice or do some kind of motion, such as jumping while you say it. Don't worry; if you need help remembering the verse, I will help you.

**You did a great job copying our leaders and saying our Word of Wonder. That was just a silly copying game. But when it comes to following Jesus, our Word of Wonder reminds us that we shouldn't copy the bad things**

Leave this question with leaders to answer in

prayer journals: What is something we can

copy that would make God happy?

**Leader Tip:** When asking kids questions, make sure to give plenty of time for their responses. Kids need time to think, process, and then speak, so don't feel rushed to give the answer if kids don't respond quickly.