

LESSON 4

THE BODY OF CHRIST

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: The Holy Spirit Makes Us One Family

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12

GOD'S BIG STORY: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, all followers of Jesus become one family, and each has a special place in the body of Christ.

Activity: Family Time

Activity: What's a Spiritual Gift?

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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!

Activity: Family Time

SUPPLIES: dollhouse, assortment of toy people figures

Set out the dollhouse and an assortment of plastic people toy figures to create families. Be sure to include a variety of toy figures since not all families look the same.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! I'm so glad you're here. Come see what we have today! We have a dollhouse and some pretend people. Tell me about the people in your family. Allow the kids to respond.

Encourage kids to create families and play with the families inside the dollhouse.

All families are different, and each person in the family is special and important. Today we'll learn how the Holy Spirit makes us one family.

Activity: What's a Spiritual Gift?

SUPPLIES: scissors (prep only), gift bags (6), tissue paper (6–12 sheets)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Toddler Spiritual Gifts Sheet

Print a copy of the Toddler Spiritual Gifts Sheet and cut apart the images. Place each image inside a gift bag with tissue paper on top.

Gifts are so much fun! Raise your hand if you like gifts. Allow the kids to respond. **Me too! I have a gift now. Let's open this gift together to see what's inside.** Pull out one picture from one of the bags. **Hmmm. This doesn't look like a present we would expect, does it?** Let kids respond. **But it's something extra special. The picture shows a spiritual gift!**



A spiritual gift is something God gives to everyone who is part of His family. We use this special gift to serve others! Ask a few kids to pull out pictures from the other bags. **We'll learn more in our lesson today about the spiritual gifts that God gives in our lesson today. Let's keep exploring some of the spiritual gifts God gives.** As the kids pull out pictures, ask them what spiritual gift may be represented by each picture. If they guess incorrectly or name something that isn't a spiritual gift from the Bible, it's OK. The point of this activity is not to memorize or teach every spiritual gift but to allow the kids to be curious and explore the concept of gifts from God.

Spiritual gifts aren't like presents we get on a holiday or a birthday, but something special God gives to everyone who is part of His family. In God's big story today, we'll learn about the spiritual gifts from God and how the Holy Spirit makes us one family.

Our Wonder Truth today is THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES US ONE FAMILY.

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.

THE HOLY SPIRIT—Point up with a single finger.

MAKES US—Make two fists and put one on top of the other.

ONE FAMILY—Clasp hands together.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Holy Spirit Our Helper Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we're learning how the Holy Spirit makes us one family. We're learning how we're like—and not like—other members of God's family!

We'll learn in God's big story how God gives everyone in His family a spiritual gift!

Play songs from the [Holy Spirit Our Helper Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [God's Big Story Video](#)

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named Paul. Encourage the kids to say, "Paul." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Paul!**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video or read the story from the Bible or use the script provided.

Today I need your help! I need you to listen for two words in God's big story.

When I say, "Jesus" during the story, raise your arms! Have kids raise both arms. **When I say, "family," wave your hands.** Have kids wave both hands. Do a few practice rounds, calling out each word and having kids do the corresponding action.

Do you have your listening ears on? Let's hear God's big story now.

Jesus (raise arms) **came so all people can be saved. He died on the cross, rose from the dead, and went up to heaven. Then God sent the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit is God—our helper. The Spirit gave the disciples power to share the good news about Jesus (raise both arms) **all over the world. All kinds of people believed in Jesus** (raise arms). **They all became children of God and members of one family** (wave hands)—**God's family** (wave hands)!

A man named Paul shared about Jesus (raise arms) **with lots of people. Paul wrote letters to churches. In a letter, Paul taught that the Holy Spirit is our helper.**

The Spirit helps people know and share that Jesus (raise arms) **is Lord! He helps people by giving them the ability to do special things for others. These special things are called gifts. These gifts are not presents like people get on a birthday or holiday. People can use the gifts from the Spirit to serve others.**

When we follow Jesus (raise arms), **we are all part of God's family** (wave hands). **All people are needed in God's big family** (wave hands). **We take care of one another. We share each other's joy and sadness. We love each other as Jesus** (raise arms) **loves us.**

The Spirit gives every follower of Jesus (raise arms) **a special way to serve others. The Holy Spirit makes us one family** (wave hands).

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. Father, thank You for giving each of us a place in Your family and special gifts to serve You and each other! Help us to serve You and others with joy this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

Blessing: May you always remember God loves you and has called you to be His child! May you follow Jesus always and look for ways to use your gifts this week.

Activity: Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes

Sing the song, "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" with kids, changing the last line to, "God makes us one family, yippee." Encourage the kids to tap each body part as you sing the song.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes; knees and toes.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes; knees and toes.

And eyes and ears and mouth and nose.

God makes us one family—yippee!

In God's big story today, we learned God's family is like a body—everyone has a special part in it. Let's sing, "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes."

Model the song and actions for kids throughout the activity.

Leader Tip: Increase (or decrease!) speed as kids get more familiar with the song and actions.