



# WEEK 3

## ELEMENTARY AT HOME

# LEGACY

### THE BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit helps us do  
God's work.

### THE BIBLE

**A New Apostle is Chosen:** Acts 1:1-11  
(1 John 5:9-13)

#### MUSIC | Worship

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing some worship songs with your kid. One suggestion is "[Tell the World](#)," by Hillsong Kids.
- We are not afraid to tell the whole world who Jesus is! People in our lives need to know they are loved by the same God who created them.
- God invites us to be the ones to let our family and friends know they are loved! So, let's tell the world!

#### QUESTION | All By Myself

- **What are some things you need help doing? What are some things you can't do by yourself, even if you tried?**
- Teamwork is really important. If you've ever acted in a play, sang in a choir, been on a sports team, or participated in a group project at school, you know how important it is to work together.
- God wants to make us part of a bigger story. But in order to do that, we need to work together with God and with each other.
  - **PRETEEN HACK:** Ask for examples of things that are impossible to do by yourself and ask for volunteers to try anyway! (e.g., scratching your back, talk on the phone, arm wrestle, etc.).
  - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** Invite the rest of the group into the conversation and discuss ways everyone can both offer and ask for help.

#### VIDEO | Legacy, Episode 3 – "You Will Receive Power..."

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's Bible story video with Pastor Robin.



### **SCRIPTURE** | Acts 1:1-11

- Review the Bible Story.
- The last thing Jesus said to the disciples before he went to heaven was: "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."
- The last thing Jesus told his disciples was that they would be given the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit would help them do God's work in the world!
- The Holy Spirit guides us to make wise choices. The Holy Spirit gives us our own unique talents, gifts, and abilities, to share the good news of Jesus, and invite others to be a part!

### **OBJECT LESSON** | Who is the Holy Spirit? - Part Three

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the kids arrive, gather four clear cups, a few pitchers of water, a large clear bin, and red, yellow and green food coloring. Line up the clear cups inside the bin.*
- Sometimes when people do God's work, you'll hear them referred to as being "filled with the Holy Spirit." **What do you think that means?**
- Before we become a follower of Jesus, we are like this cup. We are empty.
  - But when we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes and fills us up inside. (*Pour water from a pitcher into each of the cups. Fill it almost all the way to the top.*)
  - The cup looks the same from the outside, doesn't it? When we're filled with the Holy Spirit we might not look very different on the outside. But that doesn't mean that the Holy Spirit isn't there!
- But there are times when we get filled with other things that are not the Holy Spirit.
  - Sometimes, we might feel bitter when we don't get our way (*Add a few drops of yellow food coloring into the second cup.*)
  - Other times, we might start to feel jealous when our friends start playing more with other people more than us or when our siblings get more attention from our parents (*Add a few drops of green food coloring into the third cup.*)
  - Have you ever gotten angry? We all get mad but sometimes we get so angry that we say and do mean things. (*Add a few drops of red food coloring to the fourth cup.*)
- The amazing thing about the Holy Spirit is that even though we have yucky stuff inside of us, like these cups . . . (*Slowly pour water from the pitchers into each cup so that all the colored water spills out into the bin and the cup is filled with clean water again*) . . . it can be replaced with good things when we let ourselves be filled with the Holy Spirit again. The Holy Spirit helps us make wise choices, love others, and do God's work.

### **BONUS SCRIPTURE** | I John 5:9-13

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read I John 5:9-13 (NIV).*
- One day, we get to live in Heaven forever because God gave us Jesus. These verses remind us we will live forever with Jesus and we should share this great news with everyone!



- The word that keeps coming up in this Bible passage is the word "testimony." A testimony is a true story about God, especially about what God has done for you. When you share your testimony with others, you are doing God's work!

### **STORY** | My Testimony

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Share your testimony of how you came to know Jesus and started serving in ministry. Or share a story about how you led someone else to Christ. Help kids craft their own one-sentence testimony after you share your story.*
- The one thing everyone can do for God is to share our testimony about God with others. When you share about Jesus and people can see Jesus through you, you might make people wonder about what makes you different and maybe make the choice to follow Jesus, too!
- Let's all practice sharing our own stories about God. **Complete the following sentence: Because I know God, I \_\_\_\_\_.**
- Share your statements with Pastor Robin!

### **RESPONSE** | Geared Up for God

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute the Geared Up printable, pencils, scissors, and crayons or markers. Inside the first gear, have them write one thing they could do for God when they're older. Inside the second gear, have them write one thing they could do for God this week. Let them color then cut out their gears. Put up the gears on a wall, making sure you interlock them with neighboring gears ([like this](#)).*
  - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Give each preteen about 6-8 half-size gears. Let them think of 3-4 ideas for each category and write each of them down. Give each of them a piece of poster paper, and have them create their own arrangement of gears.*
  - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** *Cut the gears in advance for the kids or use a [perforator](#) to trace the gears and have them tear the paper along those lines.*
- **The Holy Spirit helps us do God's work.**
- Remember our activity from earlier when we predicted what you would do in the future? Those were all made up but the one thing that is not made up is that you can definitely work for God in amazing ways later on!
- **Think about yourself in the future – if you knew you could do one thing for God when you grow up, what would you want to do?** Maybe you would . . .
  - Care for people who are sick.
  - Be a part of a group that helps orphans find families.
  - Become a teacher.
  - Take care of parks and other outdoor spaces.
  - Be a first responder.
  - Become a mom or a dad.
  - Help people who don't have permanent homes.
  - Listen to people who are hurting.
  - Invent a solution for a big problem.



- But wait – we don't have to wait until the future to do God's work. **What is one thing you can do for God right now?**
- The Holy Spirit gives us all our own unique gifts and abilities. To do something big for God, we don't have to be a pastor or have the entire Bible memorized. We can all do God's work in whatever we do, especially since the Holy Spirit helps us every step of the way!

### DISCUSSION

- **Who helps us do God's work?**
- **According to I John 5:12-13, who can have eternal life?**
- **How can you help a friend find Jesus?**
- **What stops you from being coached by the Holy Spirit?**
- **How can you allow Jesus to coach you?**

### PRAYER

- Dear God, help us to be brave so we can share the most important message in the world with others. Help us remember that because we have the Holy Spirit, we can do your work! Amen.

### MEMORY VERSE | Romans 8:14 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Create motions to go along with this month's memory verse!*



