

Large Group Leader:

Time	Slide	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	1	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	2	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	3	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For the Philippines, to buy a sink.	Offering bag
	4	Birthdays: No birthdays this week	
2 minutes	5-6	<p>Call to Worship:</p> <p>Leader: Come close, everyone! Let's talk to God together.</p> <p>All: We want to be with God!</p> <p>Leader: Sometimes we make mistakes. Sometimes we do what's wrong. But guess what? God still loves us and wants to help us start fresh!</p> <p>All: God, please forgive us. Wash our hearts clean!</p> <p>Leader: God is kind and full of mercy. When we say we're sorry, God gives us joy again.</p> <p>All: Thank You, God! Give us clean hearts and help us follow You!</p> <p>Leader: Let's worship God with thankful hearts—</p>	Bible

		<p>Because He makes all things new!</p> <p>All: We're ready to praise You, God!</p>	
	7	<p>New Song: Video</p> <p>10,000 reasons</p> <p>Focus on third verse: 2:24</p>	
	8	<p>Memory Verse: Galatians 5:22-23</p> <p>But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.</p>	
	9	Song: The Fruit of the Spirit	
		Choose to do another song here using youtube if you want	
	10	Tell the story (see notes from story if you wish to tell it from here)	
3 minutes	11	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
		<p>Ask a few questions: see "Review the Bible Story" page 82</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is a jew? 2. What is a gentile? 3. Who is Jesus for? 	
	12	Watch the video "Questions from Kids"	
2 minutes	13	<p>Pray with the kids</p> <p>Thank you Lord that your plan for salvation includes all people, both Jews and non-Jews. Please help us to share the truth of your gospel with others. In Jesus' name, amen.</p>	

	14	Talk about the BINGO page "Where's the Word?" Encourage kids to continue to read the Bible at home and bring their paper back in when they get Bingo!	
1 minute	18	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



UNIT 32 | SESSION 3

GENTILES BECAME PART OF THE CHURCH

ACTS 11

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 12:12

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is the church? The church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Even though some people tried to stop it, the gospel spread throughout the earth—not only to Jews but also to Gentiles. The good news about Jesus is for everyone. God calls us to celebrate when others believe and help them know and love Jesus more.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Acts 11. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Gentiles Became Part of the Church.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

GENTILES BECAME PART OF THE CHURCH

“God had called Peter to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, no matter who they were or where they came from. So Peter shared the gospel not only with Jews, but with Gentiles. The Gentiles in Caesarea heard Peter’s message and believed. God gave His Holy Spirit to these new believers, and they were baptized.”

Before long, the apostles and other believers throughout Judea heard that Gentiles had believed the good news about Jesus. They were surprised, so Peter shared about the vision God had given to him of the sheet of clean and unclean animals and his encounter with Cornelius. Peter explained that the gospel is for all people. Then the believers praised God and understood that Jesus had come for the Gentiles, too!

At the same time, believers who scattered after Stephen’s murder had traveled to places like Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria. In those places, the believers only shared the gospel with the Jews. But some believers from Cyprus and Cyrene went to Antioch and preached the gospel to the Greeks, too. God was with them, and a large number of the Greeks believed the good news.

The church at Jerusalem heard about these new believers, so they sent Barnabas to Antioch. Barnabas was a good man. He loved God and was full of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit. When Barnabas arrived, he saw that God was gracious to these believers. He was glad and encouraged them to keep following God. Even more people trusted in Jesus.

Then Barnabas left Antioch and went to Tarsus to look for Paul. He found Paul and brought him back to Antioch. They stayed with the church in Antioch for a year, teaching large crowds of people. Jesus’ followers were first called Christians at Antioch.

Christ Connection: Even though some people tried to stop it, the gospel spread throughout the earth—not only to Jews but also to Gentiles. The good news about Jesus is for everyone. God calls us to celebrate when others believe and help them know and love Jesus more.

STORYTELLING TIPS

Define it: Remind kids that the word *Gentile* refers to anyone who is not Jewish.

Create pause: When telling the story, use dramatic pauses to emphasize something important is happening and to give kids a chance to think about what is happening in the story.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 🗣️ Even though the apostles were Jewish, was the good news of Jesus only for Jews? [Allow responses.] No! The good news is for all people, everywhere! But the Jewish believers in Jerusalem were hesitant to accept Gentiles into the church. Peter helped them understand that God does save all people who believe in Jesus. Who did Peter say came upon the Gentiles who trusted in Jesus? [Allow responses.] Peter told the Jewish believers that the Holy Spirit had come upon the Gentile believers. This truth changed the Jewish believers' minds, and they glorified God. Anyone, Jew or Gentile, who trusts in Jesus is given the gift of the Holy Spirit.

After Stephen's murder, some Jews went to Antioch. Who did many of these believers share the gospel with? [Allow responses.] Many shared with Jewish people, but some shared the good news with Gentiles. As the Gentiles heard the gospel, they trusted in Jesus and were saved.

Eventually, the church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to see these Gentile believers in Antioch. Barnabas was glad when he met the Greek believers, and he encouraged them to remain true to Jesus. We can be glad too when others trust in Jesus. When people trust in Jesus, the church can help them know and love Jesus more. 🙏

3 CHRIST CONNECTION

SAY 🗣️ Even though some people tried to stop it, the gospel spread throughout the earth—not only to Jews but also to Gentiles. The good news about Jesus is for everyone. God calls us to celebrate when others believe and help them know and love Jesus more. 🙏

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 32, Session 3" questions from kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. How did people know what to write in the Bible?
2. How do the stories of the Bible help us understand that God sent Jesus to offer salvation to all people?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Display the "McCaman Family Photos" as you tell the kids about the church planters.

SAY 🗣️ Twenty-three percent of people living in Florida were born outside the continental United States. People from all over the world have moved to South Florida, and two-thirds of the people speak Spanish. Pastor David McCaman said having people from different parts of the world creates a church with many different ways people do day to day activities or daily customs.

While people can be different in many ways, Jesus loves every person the same. When nonbelievers see unity in Christians who do not all look the same, it can be a great testimony to what God's love can do. Pastor David says: 'Nothing unites those with so many cultural differences like Jesus.' 🙏



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

Remind kids that the good news of Jesus is for everyone. God calls us to celebrate when others believe and help them know and love Jesus more. Pray for Pastor David and Gospel City Church as they celebrate the diversity of their church and ask God to help many more people believe in Jesus.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud 1 Corinthians 12:12 together.

SAY 🗣️ The Bible reminds us that the church is one body in Jesus. He is who we worship, and the reason we serve together. 🙏

Prompt the kids to sit in a circle. Provide one kid with a ball of yarn. Lead him to say the first word of the key passage. Then direct him to toss the ball of yarn to another kid while hold the end of the yarn. Lead the kid now holding the yarn to say the next word of the key passage and then toss the yarn to another kid while also holding onto the string of yarn. Repeat until the entire key passage is said aloud. At this point, all kids should be holding the yarn. Discuss how this is a picture of how they are unified in Jesus.

Lead kids to sing “Many Parts (1 Corinthians 12:12).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY 🗣️ Thank You, Lord, that Your plan for salvation includes all people. We pray that You will lead more people to trust in Jesus. Give us hearts that desire to rejoice when others believe. Amen. 🙏

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**

