



SESSION AIM

Help the group understand how the Holy Spirit empowered the early Church to bear bold witness through words and miracles, resulting in many coming to faith in Christ.



BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit empowered the disciples with boldness, signs, and miracles that confirmed the Gospel and led many to believe.



RESOURCE CLUSTER:

The Launch of the Church



WORKBOOK SECTION:

“The Holy Spirit Empowers: Bold Witness and Miracles (Acts 3–5)” pp. 70–87



SUGGESTED TIME:

60–75 Minutes

TEACHING FLOW (Follow These Steps in Order)

1



READ SCRIPTURE

- Read Acts 3–5 together.
- Invite God’s Spirit to guide understanding and teaching.

KEY PASSAGES

Acts 3:1–26
Acts 4:1–22, 29–31
Acts 5:1–16
Acts 5:17–42

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EXPLAIN WORKBOOK SECTION

- Present the doctrinal content from the workbook.
- Move through the section: signs and wonders → bold witness → opposition → growth.

WORKBOOK REFERENCE

“The Holy Spirit Empowers” pp. 70–87

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EMPHASIZE KEY TRUTHS

- Highlight the theological emphases of this lesson.
- Keep Christ and His mission at the center.

SEE RIGHT COLUMN

Key Emphases for This Lesson

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USE VISUALS TO TEACH

- Use timelines and charts to clarify chronology and relationships.
- Let visuals reinforce key truths.

RECOMMENDED VISUALS

See Right Column and RC Visuals

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CLARIFY COMMON CONFUSIONS

- Address likely misunderstandings.
- Strengthen accuracy and clarity.

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Common Confusions

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FACILITATE DISCUSSION

- Use the discussion questions to engage the group.
- Encourage thoughtful participation.

SEE BELOW

Discussion Questions

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APPLY AND RESPOND

- Guide the group to apply truth to life and mission.
- Close in prayer and commitment.

SEE BELOW

Application and Prayer Focus

KEY EMPHASES FOR THIS LESSON



Boldness Through the Spirit

The disciples spoke God’s Word with great boldness (Acts 4:31).



Miracles Confirmed the Message

Signs and wonders authenticated the Gospel and pointed to Jesus (Acts 3).



Persecution Could Not Stop the Church

Opposition increased, but the Church continued to grow (Acts 4:1–3, 5:17–42).



Ananias and Sapphira Warned the Church

God’s holiness and the seriousness of hypocrisy were made clear (Acts 5:1–11).



The Church Kept Growing

More and more men and women believed in the Lord (Acts 5:14).

COMMON CONFUSIONS

- 1 Miracles were not the ultimate goal.** They confirmed the message; the Gospel was the goal.
- 2 Not every believer will perform miracles.** Miraculous signs were given to confirm apostolic witness, not as a normal Christian experience.
- 3 God’s judgment in Acts 5 is not random or harsh.** It protected the purity of the Church and the reverence of God’s name.
- 4 Boldness is not recklessness.** Bold witness flows from the Spirit and is rooted in truth and love.

RECOMMENDED VISUALS

- Acts 3–5 Timeline (Miracles, Persecution, Growth)
- Miracles of Acts 3–5 Chart (Purpose and Outcomes)
- The Marks of the Spirit-Empowered Church
- Before and After: A Life Transformed (Acts 3–5)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What miracle in Acts 3–5 had the greatest impact on you, and why?
- 2 Why was boldness so important for the early Church?
- 3 How did the signs and wonders confirm the Gospel message?
- 4 What can we learn from Ananias and Sapphira?
- 5 How do we respond when we face opposition for our faith?
- 6 What does the growth of the Church in Acts 3–5 teach us about God’s mission?

APPLICATION

- Ask the Holy Spirit for boldness to share Christ.
- Trust that God can use you to impact others.
- Stay faithful even when facing opposition.
- Live with honesty and integrity before God.
- Be part of God’s mission that is still growing.

PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Father for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and expand His Kingdom. Ask the Spirit to give us boldness, purity of heart, and a passion for the lost. Pray that our church will continue to grow in faith, unity, and impact.

RELATED RC RESOURCES

WORKBOOK
“The Holy Spirit Empowers: Bold Witness and Miracles (Acts 3–5)” pp. 70–87

GLOSSARY TERMS

- Boldness
- Miracle
- Sign
- Witness

VISUAL THEOLOGY

- Acts 3–5 Timeline
- Miracles of Acts 3–5
- Marks of the Spirit-Empowered Church

ARTICLES & MEDIA

- Boldness in the Early Church
- Why Miracles Happened
- Faith That Transforms
- Standing Firm in Opposition

FUTURE ADDITIONS

Videos, podcast episodes, and teaching media will be added.



IMPORTANT REMINDER: Fireproof Studies resources are designed to work together as interconnected theological learning tools rather than isolated documents. The more you use the tools together, the deeper and clearer your understanding—and your teaching—will become.

