

60-Day Wonder Devotional Book – Year 3

Book #13 – *It's the Truth!*

Teacher scripts to lead *Wonder Time*[™] each week at *Good News Club*[®]

Note: The poster referred to in these scripts can be downloaded from the CEF[®] Web site. Also, be sure to use the visualized CEF Wonder Time[™] song, “God Wants to Spend Time with Just You”, available from CEF Press[®]. This song is also recorded on the Good News Songs 1, 4 and 5 CDs. The devotional numbers that the children are to read each week are in bold print; be sure to emphasize these during Wonder Time and repeat them at the end of club.

Two weeks prior to distributing *Wonder Devotional Book 13*

In two weeks you will be receiving a special gift. It is a book to help you spend time with God every day. If you were in club last year, you received *Wonder Devotional Books*. This year we have completely new books for you! So get ready for the beginning of a new and great adventure as you open God's word each day. Remember, God wants to spend time with you every single day.

To spend time with Him, you need to (*show poster and point to each word and picture*) STOP what you are doing so the room will be quiet, SIT and get quiet on the inside, open and READ from your Bible, THINK about what you are reading and PRAY to God. Each week we will have *Wonder Time* in club. That's when we will spend a few minutes talking about this special time with God. This poster (*show poster*) will help you remember the five parts of your quiet time. Let's say them together then sing our *Wonder Time* song, which reminds us that God wants to spend time with you every day!

One week prior to distributing *Wonder Devotional Book 13*

Imagine what it was like when our world first began! Think about being the very first people to ever live on Earth. How exciting to see God's brand new creation! The new *Wonder Devotional Book* you will receive next week will take you back to the very beginning. As you complete each day's devotional, you will learn the truth about God and why He made you.

Begin thinking now about where and when you can spend time with God every day. *Where* will it be? Will your time with God be in your room or maybe at the kitchen table where you do your homework? *When* will you spend time with God? In the morning when you first wake up or in the evening just before you go to bed? You will need to (*show poster*) STOP and SIT, then you will READ, THINK and PRAY. Remember God wants to spend time with you every day. That means 365 days a year, just like our song says. Let's sing it right now.

Week 1 – God Is Truth, Awesome, Forever, Holy

(This first introduction will take a few extra minutes.)

Today is the day we have been looking forward to! You will receive your new *Wonder Devotional Book* at the end of club. **Each day you will do one page in your book, pages 1-7.**

This book is yours to keep but remember to bring it back to *Good News Club* every week so we can check your work and give you a special reward. Do you know where and when you will have your first quiet time? This is the first step in spending time with God. (*Hold up poster and point to each word and picture as you talk about each one.*)

STOP. This means you must turn off the TV, computer or whatever distracts you. The room needs to be as quiet as possible so you can concentrate. SIT. When you sit, you quiet your mind and heart—the real you inside. Ask God to help you understand the things you are about to read. Confess your sins and make sure there is nothing between you and God. Then READ. Open your book to day 1. (*Open a devotional to show the format.*)

The Bible verses you will read and study are found in a box at the top of each page. Open your Bible and look up the verses. The reference or address of the verses is in the box. Find the verses in your Bible beginning with the book. Your Bible is 66 small books all bound together. Use the index in the front of your Bible to find the page on which the book begins. (*Show a Bible index.*)

The first number in the address represents the chapter—the large numbers in the Bible. (*Show chapter numbers.*) The second number in the address indicates the verse—the small numbers in the Bible. (*Show verse numbers.*) Read the assigned verses slowly until you understand every word. After you read, THINK about what you read and answer the questions on this page. Writing down the answers will help you remember what you have learned. Lastly, PRAY. Thank God for what you learned and pray about the upcoming day. Some prayer thoughts are included to get you started. Use your own words to talk to God. Ask Him to change your life so you can live to please Him.

Your new *Wonder Devotional Book* is called *It's the Truth!* Many people today think there is no such thing as truth. They think what is true and right can change from one person or situation to another. What do you think about that? (*Allow response.*) People can have their own opinions about some things, but when the Bible says something, it's true!

This week you're going to read the Bible and your *Wonder Devotional Book* to find out about who God is and how you can know Him. **Start on page 1 and do one page a day until you finish page 7.** You'll learn four very important words that describe God. They start with the letters *T, A, F* and *H*. You might want to circle those words when you find them and be ready to tell us those words next week.

(*Show poster.*) This week as you STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY, you'll be getting to know God better and better. (*Sing the Wonder Time song.*)

Week 2 – God Is Sovereign, All-Powerful, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Perfect

Raise your hand if you had a quiet time with God at least one day last week. Two days? Three days? Four days? Five days? Six days? *Every day?* (*Allow response after each question.*)

Remember, God wants to spend time with you! (*Show “God Wants to Spend Time with Just You,” verse 1.*) Look at the first line of our *Wonder Time* song—“Getting to know God is a great adventure, opening His Word each day.” It tells us that we get to know God by reading His Word, the Bible. It's a great adventure! (*Sing verse 1 and chorus.*)

Did you find the four words that describe God in last week's devotionals? Remember, they start with *T, A, F* and *H*. (*Write those letters on a white board, large tablet or posterboard, leaving blanks after each one to write the other letters of each word. Then fill in the words Truth, Awesome, Forever and Holy as the children supply them.*)

Who can tell us one thing you learned about God this week that you never thought about before? (*Have one or two share.*)

This week you'll learn more about who God is. You'll learn He is in control of everything, is all-powerful and knows everything. Best of all, you'll learn He is always with you and has a plan for your life! **You'll find out what kind of plan that is as you read pages 8 to 14 in your *Wonder Devotional Book*.**

(Show poster.) This week as you STOP, READ, THINK and PRAY, you'll be getting to know God better—it's a great adventure!

Week 3 – God Our Creator

When you read the Bible, yet get to know God better and better. *(Show “God Wants to Spend time with Just You,” verse 1.)* That reminds me of this verse in our song: “Reading and praying and getting to know Him, learning all that He has to say.” Let's sing this verse of our *Wonder Time* song now. *(Sing verse 1 and chorus.)*

As you did your *Wonder Devotional Book* last week, did you find out what kind of plan God has for you? *(Perfect, good.)* Did anyone learn the memory verse for the week—1 Chronicles 29:11? *(Allow response.)*

This week you'll be doing pages 15 to 21. You'll find out how some people think life on Earth started. You'll find out who really created our universe, who keeps it going and when He created each part.

(Show poster.) You'll be glad you took time to STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY!

Week 4 – God Creates Man, Man Sins

Did you find out how some people think life on Earth started? *(From a big explosion.)* Who really created our universe and keeps it going? *(God.)* When did He create each part? *(Day 1—light; Day 2—sky; Day 3—dry land; Day 4—sun, moon, stars; Day 5—fish and birds.)* Why do you think it's important to know God is our Creator? *(Let one or two share answers.)*

This week you'll read about God's most special creation—people! You'll find out about the choice the first man and woman made and the terrible result of that choice. But even though this story is sad, God made a promise that is good news for you today!

(Show poster.) Remember to STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY every day this week as you **read and do pages 22 to 28 and the activity sheet.**

(Show “God Wants to Spend Time with Just You,” chorus.) And remember the chorus of our song: “Three hundred and sixty-five days of the year, God wants to spend time with just you.” How many days are there in a year? *(365.)* So that means God wants to spend time with just you *every day!* Let's sing our song then pray and ask God to help *each of you* spend time with Him *every day* this week. *(Sing verse 1 and chorus.)*

Week 5 – Cain and Abel

How many of you spent time with God *every day* this week? (*Allow response then show “God Wants to Spend Time with Just You,” verse 2.*) Verse 2 of our *Wonder Time* song starts, “Morning or evening or in the between time, finding the best part of the day.” Have you found what time of the day works best for you for your quiet time? (*Allow response, share your own experience then sing verse 2 and chorus.*)

What was the terrible choice the first man and woman made? (*They sinned; disobeyed God.*) What was the sad result of that choice? (*Adam and Eve had to leave the garden; sin came into the world; life became hard for them.*) But what wonderful promise did God make? (*He would send Jesus to save people from their sin.*)

Adam and Eve had two sons—Cain and Abel. Do you have a brother or sister? Are you alike or different? Do you ever feel jealous of your brother or sister? Do you ever fight? (*Allow responses.*) Cain and Abel were very different from each other. They had different jobs. They were even different in the way they obeyed God. One did what God said and the other thought his own idea was best. One became very angry and did something terrible to his brother!

Find out what he did by reading your Bible and doing pages 29-35 in your *Wonder Devotional Book*. (*Show poster.*) And don’t forget to STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY—EVERY DAY!

Week 6 – Enoch

(*Show “God Wants to Spend Time with Just You,” verse 3.*) Our song talks about a good way to learn—write it down! Look at verse 3: “Now when we read, let’s not forget to learn by writing down the truths of God’s Word.” Sometimes as you read God’s Word, a certain verse will JUMP OUT AT YOU! You may think, “Wow! that’s really cool!” or “Now I understand!” (*Share an example from your own life.*) When that happens to you, copy that verse in a notebook and write a few words about what it means to you. You may even want to memorize that verse. God will remind you of it and use it to comfort and help you. By the way, did any of you memorize Psalm 119:34, the verse for this week’s devotionals? (*Allow response then sing verse 3 and chorus of “God Wants to Spend Time with Just You.”*)

Last week you read the story about the terrible thing that happened to the very first family on Earth. You learned that Cain became so jealous and angry with his brother Abel that he killed him. This week you’ll read about a man who walked with God and the very *strange* thing that happened to *him*! **Read your Bible and pages 36-42 in your *Wonder Devotional Book*.** (*Show poster.*) Be sure to STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY so you can learn more about God each day!

Week 7 – Noah

Who was the man who walked with God and what strange thing happened to him? (*Enoch; he disappeared. He didn't die; instead God took him straight to Heaven.*) How can others tell you are walking with God? (*Allow response.*)

This week you'll read about another man who walked with God. In fact, at one time he was the *only man left on Earth* who pleased God. So God asked him to do a very strange thing! **Find out about it as you read pages 43-49 in your Wonder Devotional Book.**

(*Show poster.*) One way you can walk with God is to spend time with Him each day— STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY! Another way to walk with God is to OBEY! (*Show "God Wants to Spend Time with Just You," v. 3.*) Look at these words in our song: "Asking God to help you to always remember to live by the message you've heard." (*Sing song.*) This week as you read your Bible and *Wonder Devotional Book*, ask God to help you obey what He shows you to do. That's how you can "live by the message you've heard."

Week 8 – Job

Who was the man you read about in last week's lesson? (*Noah.*) What strange thing did God ask him to do? (*Build an ark.*) Imagine building a huge boat when it had never even rained on Earth! Noah must have really trusted God to obey such a strange command. And because he trusted and obeyed God, he and his family and all the animals were saved from the terrible flood.

Do you trust God? The first thing you must trust Him for is for salvation. If you have never done that, why not do it today? First **admit** you've sinned and deserve to be punished. Next, **believe** Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin. Then **choose** to receive Him as your Savior.

This week you'll learn about another man who walked with God—Job. Even though terrible things happened to him, he did not sin by blaming God. He worshiped and praised God instead! How could he do that? **You'll find out when you read your Bible and pp. 50-55 of your Wonder Devotional Book this week.**

Now let's sing our *Wonder Time* song—all the verses this time! (*Sing "God Wants to Spend Time with Just You" then show poster.*) Say the words on our poster with me so you'll remember this week to (*say together*) STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY!

Week 9 – The Amazing Ending to Job's Story

Did you find out how Job could worship and praise God even after he had lost everything—his children, his animals and his servants? (*Job knew God—that God's ways are different than his ways; that God is good, loving and merciful and only does what is best for His children.*) What did you learn from Job's experience that will help you the next time hard things happen to you? (*Allow response.*) This week you will find out the amazing, happy ending to Job's story!

(Show “God Wants to Spend Time with Just You,” verse 2.) Did you notice that our *Wonder Time* song says to “[let] His Spirit show you the truth in His way”? Do you know what that means? It means when you read God’s Word, the Holy Spirit will help you understand what God wants you to know. If you have trusted in Jesus as your Savior, the Holy Spirit will be with you forever to teach you, comfort you and produce fruit in your life—love, joy, peace and more!
(Sing verse 2 and chorus.)

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the truth as you read your Bible and pages 56-60 and the activity page in your *Wonder Devotional Book* this week. Also, see if you can learn the memory verse—Job 23:10.

You’ve learned a lot of truth about God in your quiet time! Be sure to bring your devotional book back next week to be checked. Then you’ll be ready to learn even more about God in your next book as you read the exciting adventures of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph!