

Bold Moves

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for use as

STEP 1



Lesson 7

Focus:

The Holy Spirit gives us power to do bold things for God.

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Bible Basis:

Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-47

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Memory Verse:

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. —2 Timothy 1:7

Students will consider what hinders them from sharing the message of Jesus and will discover that through the power of the Holy Spirit they can act and speak boldly for the Lord.

Materials:

Internet access

Some people are comfortable standing up front and speaking to an audience. Some are comfortable speaking to a small group. Some are comfortable raising their hand to ask a question in a classroom. Others are anxious when speaking to one person who they do not know well and even more nervous speaking to a group of people. If you are afraid of speaking in front of others, you are not alone. The majority of people are afraid of public speaking. Let's watch this video [2:41]:

Snoopy | Public Speaking | BRAND NEW Peanuts Animation | Videos for Kids | Cartoons

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tTZmI_EUE0

Charlie Brown was frazzled because he was assigned an oral report. He said public speaking made his legs shake and his hands sweat. He felt that he always made a fool of himself when he had to speak in front of people.

- When have you had to speak in front of others at school, at home, at church, or elsewhere?
- How did you feel in the days before you had to go up front?
- What did you experience when you finally stood up front?

Linus suggested that Charlie Brown needed to be more prepared before speaking in front of people.

- How do you personally prepare before doing anything that might make you feel a bit nervous?

Even with preparation, Charlie Brown was still nervous when he stood up front to give his oral report.

- **What suggestions do you have for Charlie Brown?**

- **What suggestions do you have for your family members or peers who might be asked to stand up and share during a church service someday?**

The disciple Peter was not a professional public speaker, but somehow he was able to speak with confidence. Let's find out how Peter was able to speak boldly for Jesus in front of a crowd of people.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- Internet access
- Empty tin cans (from canned food)
- Hammer
- Nail
- Twine, string, or thick yarn
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Optional: paint and paint brushes or colorful duct tape

Note: The activity in this step can be completed as a family at home during a time of quarantine.

➤ **Who enabled Peter to speak boldly for Jesus?** (The Holy Spirit.)

At the time of Pentecost, a mighty wind filled the house when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. With the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples acted boldly for God. As a reminder that we, too, can speak and act boldly for Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are going to make wind chimes.

Wind chime tutorial [2:57]:

How to make a Wind Chime reusing tin cans! Can Chime

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UF5fM4Vpo0w>

When completing this as a family, each family member can be assigned a step in the process. An adult should use a hammer and nail to put a hole in each can. Someone can measure and cut the twine, someone can thread the twine through the cans, and someone can tie the knots. Everyone can decorate a can using paint or duct tape. If using paint, allow time for the paint to dry. If using duct tape, to allow for sound effects, avoid taping where the cans make contact. Note: cans do not need to be decorated if supplies are not available. Experiment with different sized cans such as tuna cans, tomato paste cans, etc.

As each can is added to the chimes, a different family member can share a way that he or she has personally witnessed others (or remembers someone from a Bible story) being bold for Jesus.

Hang the wind chimes in the house or outside under an overhang, keeping in mind they are not weather resistant.

The Holy Spirit may not come to us today in a rushing wind that fills the room, but the Holy Spirit will fill us with what we need to share the love and message of Jesus. Throughout the week when we see the chimes move, even if we do not hear them make a sound, let's stop and ask God for the Holy Spirit's power to act and speak boldly for Him.

➤ **What are some ways we can act boldly for God this week, sharing God's love and the good news of Jesus from where we are right now or where we will be throughout the week? Consider who will see or hear what we do or say.** (Answers will vary. For many this means doing something creative while maintaining social distancing. This might include making telephone calls or writing cards to mail to people.)

Use a video conferencing platform to pray as a group or write out a prayer to text or e-mail each student: **Thank You, Holy Spirit, that You do not make us timid, but give us power, love, and self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7). We ask You to fill us with boldness to act and speak for Jesus this week regardless of our location and circumstances. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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