

Press on in Confidence
WBS Lesson #02
Philippians 1:7-11

HOOK: Think of a time when you played with a friend and you had the best time ever! Maybe you played a game or went to the park together. You had so much fun that you were sad to say good-bye when it was time to go. Now, every time you think of that friend you wonder, “When can we see each other again?” If that has ever happened to you, you have something in common with the Apostle Paul!

BOOK: When we open our Bible, we read in the book of Philippians that Paul said to the followers of Jesus in the town of Philippi, “....**how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more...**” When Paul said, “I long for all of you,” he was not talking about long hair or a long piece of spaghetti! Paul was saying how much he loved the people who loved Jesus. He thought about them often and wanted to spend time with them. But Paul couldn’t go to see them. Yet what he could do was something very powerful. Though he was not able to be with them face-to-face, Paul prayed for them!

LOOK: Prayer is talking to God. Paul prayed, “Dear God, please grow my friends’ love bigger and bigger so they will know You better and live in a right way.” It pleases God when His followers grow in love towards one another. God wants us to pray and ask Him to give the best things to the ones we love, just like Paul did in his prayer for the Philippians. God works powerfully in our lives and in the lives of our loved ones through prayer!

TOOK: Boys and girls, God wants you to talk to Him about people you love. Think again of those special friends you long to be with and the people you love. What powerful prayers will you pray for them today?

Bible Verse: “...**how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more....**”
Philippians 1:8b-9a NIV

Prayer: “Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for giving us special friends and family that we love so much! We ask You for powerful gifts for our loved ones. Will You grow our love so that we can all know You better and live in right way? Thank You, God! Amen.”

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what we
learned

The Apostle Paul longed to be with the followers of Jesus who lived in Philippi. He loved the people so much, but he couldn't go to see them or spend time with them. So, Paul decided to do the very best thing he could do for them, something powerful—he prayed for them! Paul prayed that their love would grow more and more so they would know God better and be able to live in a way that pleased God. How powerful! God wants us to pray powerful prayers for our loved ones, too!



memory
verse

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parent/child
activity

Ask your child to pick two special people he would like to pray for and write their names on a piece of paper. Brainstorm with your child and choose one specific thing to pray for each person and write that down next to their name. Put the list in a prominent place and pray with your child for each special person and each request this week. Assure your child that prayer is a very powerful way he can stay close to his loved ones.



daily prayer

“Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for giving us special friends and family that we love so much! We ask You for powerful gifts for our loved ones. Will You grow our love so that we can all know You better and live right? Thank You, God! Amen.”

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