

# WHAT WE ARE TEACHING THIS WEEK



## TODAY'S TRUTH

I can pray powerful prayers when I know Jesus' powerful love for me.

## BIBLE STORY

Paul prays for other believers  
Ephesians 3:14-21

## MEMORY VERSE

God gives power and strength to His people.  
Psalm 68:35

## KEY QUESTION

Who gives us power to do much more than we can ask or think of?

## BIG TRUTH

God loves to help me.

**Prayers of the Bible**  
**WBS Kids Lesson #23**  
**Ephesians 3:14-21**

**Hook:** Who is the most powerful Superhero you can think of? What makes them so powerful? Did you know that God is 100,000,000,..... More powerful than the strongest superhero? He created the whole wide world just by speaking. He created us in his image even though He knew that we would disobey Him. AND He made a plan to rescue us from our sin before the world even began! Wow! God also has the power to change even the most yucky, mean person into someone who loves Jesus and serves Him. Now that's truly amazing!

**Book:** Paul was a man who hated God's special family and tried to hurt them before he met Jesus. After Paul met Jesus, God completely changed him into someone that helped God's special family. Paul helped start a lot of churches and he wrote letters to them when he was travelling. The Roman rulers who didn't know Jesus tried to stop churches from growing. Paul was even put in jail for teaching people about Jesus! Because Paul loved Jesus and His church so much, his letters to the churches would sometimes turn into prayers for them.

Listen to what Paul wrote in a letter to the church at a place called Ephesus:

*18 And I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide, how long, how high, and how deep that love is. 19 Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be filled with everything God has for you.*

*20 With God's power working in us, he can do much, much more than anything we can ask or think of.*

*21 To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever. Amen*

(Ephesians 3:18-21 Easy to Read Version (ERV))

**Look:** The Bible gives us many powerful prayers to pray. We can take almost any prayer from the bible and pray it for ourselves and others. When we pray this way, we can know that we are praying for what God wants. This is one way to know about God's power and love for us!

Play a worship song about God's power with hand motions. Play it a couple of times. Then at prayer time pray the Ephesians 3:18-21 WITH THE KIDS. (see below)

**Took:** I can pray powerful prayers when I know Jesus' powerful love for me.

**Memory Verse:** God gives power and strength to His people. Psalm 68:35

**Prayer:** Dear God, we pray that everyone in our church and in God's family would know the greatness of Jesus' love for us -- how wide, how long, how high, and how deep it is! Jesus' love is greater than we can ever know but we pray that we can know it more and more as we grow in Him. We want to be filled with everything you want us to have. Thank you that Your power in us can do much, much more than we can ask or think of. Please help us bring you glory by wanting what you want. AMEN.

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