



## POWER OF PRAYER

### SERIES OVERVIEW

The God of the universe invites us to talk with Him. He doesn't require fancy words or impressive speeches. All He wants is us. During this four-lesson series, kids will explore prayer—what it is and how Jesus teaches us to pray. They'll see prayer's power through Peter's story and learn to talk with God in confession and with bold faith. They'll begin to experience the power of prayer firsthand. And just as honest conversation between two friends brings them closer, kids will draw nearer to the God who hears them and never holds back His love.

### POWER OF PRAYER ELEMENTARY SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Lesson Title	Scripture	Wonder Truth	Word of Wonder
The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6	Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray	But God has surely listened. He has heard my prayer. Give praise to God. He has accepted my prayer. He has not held back his love from me. —Psalm 66:19–20
Peter in Prison	Acts 12	God Hears Our Prayers for Others	
Prayer of Confession	1 John 1–2	God Forgives	
Pray with Faith	James 5; 1 Thessalonians 5	God Hears Our Prayers	

## SERIES INVITATION

I've said it. You've said it. And we probably meant it.

"I'll pray for you."

But if you're like me, you follow through once or twice and then ... nothing.

Still, it's no big deal, right? God's going to do what God's going to do about that bully making one of your Sunday school kids miserable. Your prayers are nice, but in the big picture they don't make much of a difference.

Unless they do.

What if it's in response to your prayers that God releases power into a situation? What if God eases the pain in the life of the bullied child in response to your heart-felt prayers?

Theologians have argued about prayer for centuries, but most can agree on two truths: God tells us to pray, and God responds to people's prayers in a powerful way. When His people have prayed, God has halted the sun in the sky. Shattered prison bars. Set His people free.

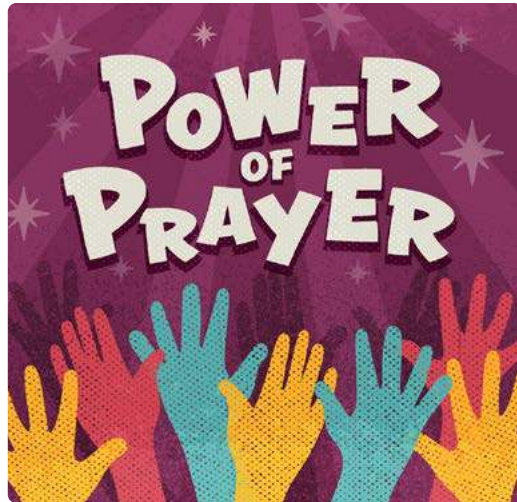
In this series, you'll help kids explore prayer, and that's good. But you'll also get kids praying, and that's spectacular. Your kids will experience how it feels to bring their praise and problems to their heavenly Father. They'll gain a growing confidence that God's listening, that God is with them, and that God cares for them.

We know God will work through you in a powerful way in the coming weeks, friend.

Because we've been praying for you.

—Mikal Keefer

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