

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



Repeat after me these words that Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus:

"I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power."

Show the children a flashlight without the batteries and ask, "What does a flashlight do?" (It shines light so we can see in the dark.) "But right now, this flashlight doesn't work because it doesn't have any power." Put the batteries into the flashlight and turn it on. "When the flashlight has power, it shines brightly and helps us see. Just like the flashlight needs power to shine, we need God's power to help us live the way Jesus teaches us.

God's power is even greater than the flashlight's light. God's power is so great that it even raised Jesus from the dead. That's the Holy Spirit power that helps us every day!"

"God's power helps us live our lives and understand what's important. We can also share God's love and power by helping others. For example, today, our church and other United Methodist churches are collecting money to support students on their educational journeys in college."

Turn the flashlight on and shine it around to each of the children. "The United Methodist Church wants you to feel empowered and nurtured by our love. We want you to succeed and reach your dreams. With God's power behind you and the support of all of the people sitting here, I know nothing will stop you."



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