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Infinity

Main Scripture: Ephesians 3:17-21

Together (v 18)

we can grasp (v 18-19)

and be filled with
(Act 2:4, 31)

the infinite God; (v 17-20)
(Job 11:7-9)

because of love,
(Mk 12:30-31)

for His glory. (v 21)
(Ps 29:1-2)

Heartland Kids Weekend Bulletin

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Ephesians 3:14-21 ESV

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Together we can grasp

- The passage above was written to an entire church. God tells us throughout the Bible that being part of a church, all together, is very important.
- Do you know what grasp means? It means to tightly hold something. As a church, we all need to understand God's word and grasp it together. We need to find ways to experience God as a church, small group or family.

And be filled with the infinite God

- Being filled with God may sound a little bit weird. But what being filled here means, is to ask God to be in our hearts and minds so that everything we do and say comes from Him.
- Asking God to fill us can sometimes put Him in a box. It is important for us to remember that God is *infinite*. That means that He is bigger and more powerful than anything else, ever!

Because of love for His Glory

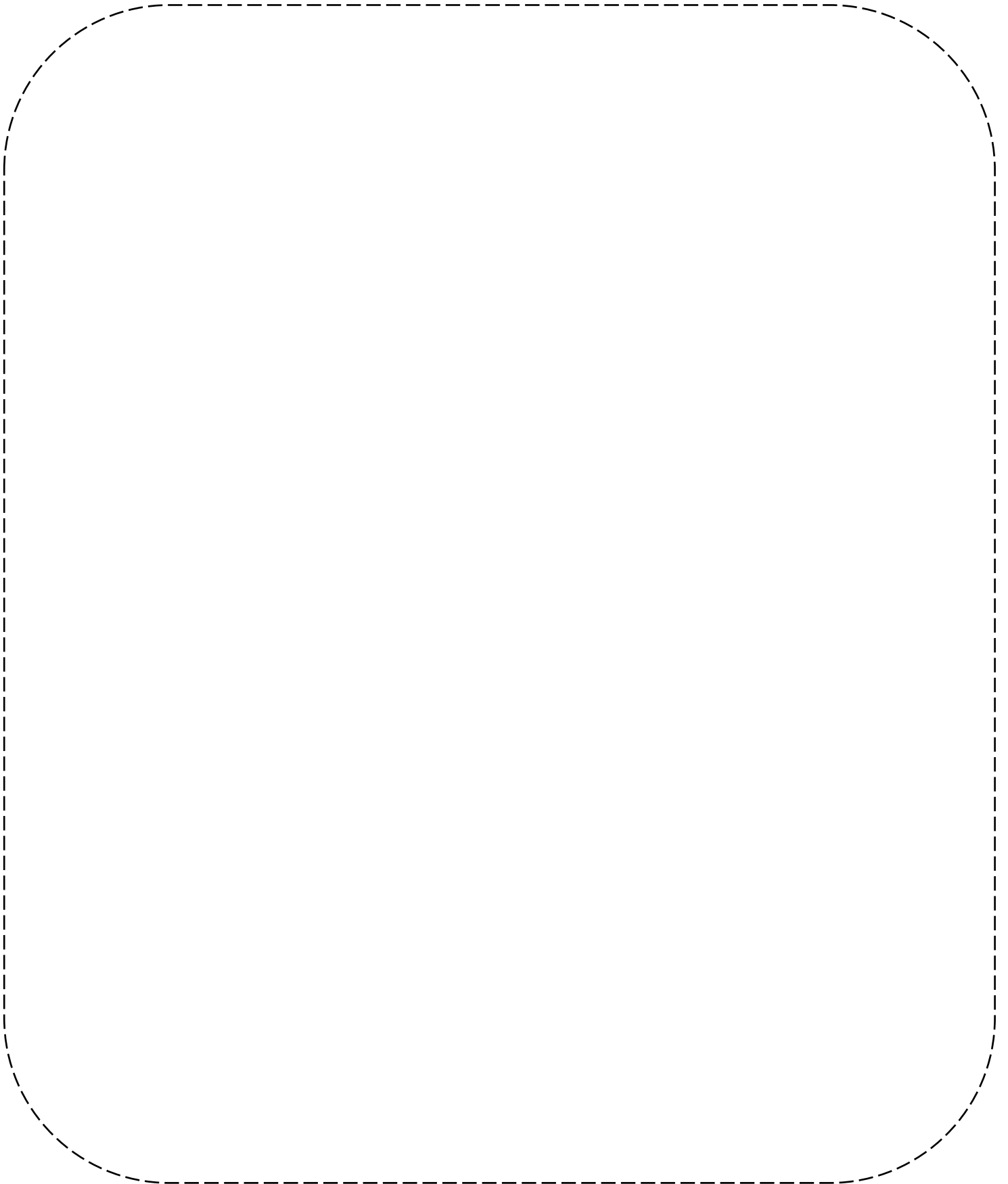
- The Bible gives us two great commands about love. Love God the most (Mark 12:30) and love the people around you *more than yourself* (Mark 12:31).
- Why do we need to love God and other people? It is so we can live like Jesus did – in a way that tells other people about God and His infinite love and mercy for us!

Some questions to discuss as a family:

Have you ever prayed and asked God to be filled with His Holy Spirit?

How are some ways you can live out the two great commands about love?

Draw a picture of what you learned today.



Family Challenge

As Christmas draws closer, spend some time as a family! Play a game, make some cookies, go for a walk – the choice is yours.

Tag us on social media with a picture of your family fun this week! Merry Christmas!

Would You Rather?

Here is a fun family game to help you discuss God, Jesus and the Bible. Go through the list of questions below, one by one, and discuss what you would rather do. You can also make this game more active by having kids run to one side of the room or the other depending on what choice they make. Have fun!

- Would you rather be a shepherd or a magi?
- Would you rather name all the animals, or build the ark to carry them?
- Would you rather be a sheep or a shepherd?
- Would you rather be there at Jesus' birth or resurrection (when He rose from the grave)?
- Would you rather have the strength of Samson or the wisdom of Solomon?
- Would you rather spend an hour in heaven or a week with Jesus on earth?
- Would you rather be thrown into a furnace or a lion's den?
- Would you rather see Jesus walk on water or heal a blind man?
- Would you rather have a plague of locusts or frogs?
- Would you rather have dinner with Mary or Joseph?
- Would you rather face Goliath with a slingshot or wander in the desert for 40 years?
- Would you rather be a fisherman or a tax collector?

Feel free to come up with your own Bible-based "would you rather" questions. Ask your kids why they chose the answer they did to help them dig a little deeper.

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The Small Group Sermon Study
Ephesians 3:17-21



Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message? What challenged you in this message?

2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. How does this affect our responses to God?

 - b. How has experiencing God grown your knowledge of Him?

 - c. How has being part of our small group helped you to better grasp, be filled with and truly know (experience) the infinite God?

3. What don’t you understand or what other questions does this passage raise for you?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage or key theme stir up in you?

5. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?

6. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you’ve heard?

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).