

GOD CAN DO ANYTHING:

An Ephesians 3:20-21 Call to Worship

From a teaching by Dave Cadieux

(This can be done memorized or reader's theater style. It would be ideal for a mixed cast of young people and adults.)

YP#1: God can do anything, you know

Adult#1: C.H. Spurgeon said: "Power is the special and distinctive prerogative of God, and God alone."

YP#1: far more than you could ever imagine,

YP#2: or guess,

YP#3: or request in your wildest dreams!

YP#1: He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us,

Adult#2: Spurgeon continued "If he (God) delegates a portion of it (his power) to his creatures, yet it still is his power. ...

YP#2: his Spirit

YP#3: the Holy Spirit of God,

YP#1: that power that works within us

Adult#1: deeply

Adult#2: endows us with:

Adult#1: the authority and knowledge to: rightly handle the Word of God,

Adult#2: distinguish right from wrong, light from darkness,

Adult#1: exhort or correct our brother,

YP#1: and gently

YP#2: to love God,

YP#3: love our neighbor,

YP#2: walk in the Spirit, and

YP#1: put aside the deeds of the sin nature.

Adult#1: That is the power at work within us.

Adult#1: Glory to God in the church!

Both Adults: AMEN! *

Adult#2: Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!

Both Adults: AMEN! *

All YP: Glory down all the generations!

All: AMEN! *

Adult#1: Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!"

(Leading the congregation)

Adult#1: And all God's people said... Amen! *

** The congregation can be encouraged to join in gradually so that all are in unison by the final line.*





TEACH ME - A Child's Prayer

A monologue based on Ephesians 3:20-21 (MSG)
Written by Chris Stoker

A child kneels to pray. The prayer begins slowly, tentatively, softly. As the child prays, it becomes more active and conversational. A passion builds out of sincerity and desperation.

Dear God,

You are the Father of everything.
You love me... all of us.
Your Son lives in me... in all of us.
You help us stand. You help us stand up, stand strong.
You help us reach. You reach out to me and help me to reach out to others.
You're bigger than everything. I can't ever find the end of you, or your love.
You can do anything.
Teach me to love bigger, to love like you love.

God, teach me to pray bigger, too. Teach me to talk with you and to be with you.
I want to know you, I want others to know you.
I want us to talk to you and to hear when you talk to us.
Help us listen to you and to each other.

Teach me to dream bigger. Teach me to dream your dreams.
Can I see how you see? Show me how to see me the way that you see me. Show me how to see others the ways that you see them. I want to dream about the world that turns to you and finds you. Teach me to dream bigger.

And I want to live bigger. I want to be full of you. I want your Spirit to move deeply in my life and in my being. I want my life to be full of your life. Please. Help me to move like you move.

Teach me, God. Teach me to live, to dream, to pray and to love like you do.

Because you are the Father of everything and I am your child.
Because you love me and you ask me to love others.
Because your Son lives in me... and I want to live in Him.

So teach me, Lord. Please teach me.

Amen.

