



TURTON MOORLAND TEAM



Children's Worship



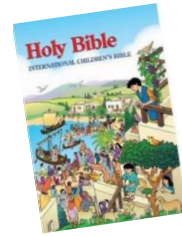
A Getting Ready Prayer

God, as we get ready to be with you,
Open our ears to listen to you
(touch your ears)
Open our minds to help us think about you.
(put your hands on your head)
Open our eyes to see you in the world
around us.
(point to your eyes)
Open our hearts to love you more.
(cross your hands over your chest)
And open our hands to help each other.
(open out arms and hands wide)
Amen.

Time to think...

- ✚ Have you ever heard your parents or other adults complaining about having to pay taxes? You probably have.
- ✚ Most people are not too fond of having to pay taxes. Do any of you pay taxes?
- ✚ Well, it might surprise you to learn that you pay taxes, too!
- ✚ Did you know that every time you buy something like sweets you pay tax!
- ✚ I wonder what Jesus would say if we asked him whether children should pay taxes?
- ✚ That is a tough question.
- ✚ If he answered, "Yes," all the children would probably get mad at him.
- ✚ If he answered, "No," the politicians who make our laws would probably get mad at him because the country needs that money to operate.
- ✚ It seems that someone would get mad at him no matter which way he answered! It looks like a no-win situation, doesn't it?
- ✚ Did you know that something like that actually happened?
- ✚ In Jesus' day, the people were required to pay a poll tax. It was not a very popular tax with the people.

Sunday 2nd August
Jesus and the Trick Question



Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ Read Matthew 22: 15-22 in children's Bible.
- ✚ Watch the story here...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KrX34cn6xLY>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_y0JXVAaLH8

Talk Together...

- ✚ The trick question didn't work. It actually just made people listen to Jesus even more!
- ✚ Everyone was amazed with Jesus' wisdom, and His ability to provide a right answer when there wasn't one.
- ✚ Jesus's answer was simple. He instructed them give Caesar what was his, and to give God what was God's.
- ✚ Sometimes there are questions we can't answer.
- ✚ Maybe the answer is too difficult for us to understand.
- ✚ Or maybe we think the wrong answer is the right one and sometimes, we really just believe there is no right answer.
- ✚ But when we are faced with those tough questions, we just need to remember one thing; Jesus always knows the answer.
- ✚ So we should pay our taxes, but I wonder what Jesus meant when he said "Give to God what belongs to God."
- ✚ The Bible says that we were created by God and that we were created in the image of God. We must belong to Him.
- ✚ That means we must give ourselves fully to God, our thoughts, our prayers, what we do, what we say, how we treat other people all those things we must do in the same way God does to us. God treats us with love, grace and understanding and keeps on forgiving us.
- ✚ So giving back to God what belongs to God, is giving ourselves to him and leading our lives in his image, treating others the way God treats us!

Sing Together... (or listen)

- ✚ Go Fish - Praise Your Name
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3cajbpU39g>

Make Together...

- ✚ Use cardboard, paper, pens, paints, wax-crayons, coins or whatever you have in the house to make...
- ✚ Create a five-finger prayer - draw round your hand then write a prayer for...



- ✚ Create a coin-picture to show love and respect.



- ✚ Learn a magic trick with a coin...



Remember together... (memory verse)

"Give to God what belongs to God."
Matthew 22: 21

Pray Together...

Dear Father God,
You created us in your image and we belong to you.
Help us to honour and worship you with our hearts and actions.
And give our hearts and lives to you.
In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.



Don't forget...

- ✚ Whatever you create share it on our churches FB pages; tag us in so everyone can see. Turton Moorland Team Page @TMOTP (FB)
- ✚ For more activities and links go to our Turton Moorland Team website - Children's Resources - <https://turtonmoorlandteam.co.uk/turton-youth-church/#childrens-resources>