



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)

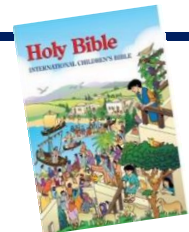
Amen.

Time to think...

- ✚ Do you know the children's book "Guess how much I love you" by Sam McBratney?
- ✚ This bedtime favourite tells the story of two hares expressing their love for each other.
- ✚ One line in the book; "I love you to the moon and back" has become a well-known phrase used to express the vastness of someone's affection for another person.
- ✚ Have you ever wondered about God's love?

Sunday 1st November

God's Love



Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ Today we are going to read 1 John 3: 1-3.
- ✚ There isn't a video this week, but if you have a copy of "Guess how much I love you" in the house, why not go and find it and read it together. Alternatively, watch this retelling of the story on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPLwMxogYDU>

Talk Together...

- ✚ There are so many Bible verses that remind us of how much God loves us - if you have a Bible look up; Jeremiah 31:3, Psalm 86:15, John 3:16, Romans 8:37.
- ✚ Unfortunately, some people sadly think that maybe God does not love them.
- ✚ Perhaps they think that they've done something wrong and that God does not want anything to do with them because of it.
- ✚ I hope you do not think that because God does indeed love all of us and he wants us to know it!
- ✚ The beginning of today's Bible reading says: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"
- ✚ God has plenty of love to go around and here is a simple illustration... Fill a glass with some water. If you have a marble, or something similar, place it in the glass. The marble represents you and the water in the glass represents God's love.
- ✚ You are surrounded by God's love but there is still room for more marbles isn't there? As more marbles are added, these can represent family, friends and your church family.
- ✚ You could go on adding and all of them are surrounded by God's love.
- ✚ And remember, God is much much bigger than this small glass with water! God's love is big enough for everyone!
- ✚ The Bible says: I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love (Ephesians 3:18).
- ✚ How do you measure a love like that?
- ✚ We can't measure it and we don't need to because we are God's children and he has God has plenty of love to go around!

Sing Together... (or listen)

- ✚ 'I am a child of God'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5MeNT1GEAI>
- ✚ Who You Say I Am Lyric Video - Hillsong Worship
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcC1Bp13n_4

Make Together...

- ✚ Use a clean jam jar, tissue paper, stickers, glitter, cardboard, paper, pens, paints, wax-crayons or whatever you have in the house to make...
- ✚ Make and decorate a poster saying... 'I am a Child of God'...



- ✚ Make a mirror and put the words 'I am a Child of God' around it...



- ✚ Make a photo frame and put a picture of yourself or family in it, remember to add the words or stick the bible verse on.



Build together...

- ✚ Using Lego or any other building bricks have a competition to see who can build the tallest tower to represent God's love for us.



Remember together... (memory verse)

"Look with wonder at the depth of the Father's marvellous love that he has lavished on us! He has called us and made us his very own beloved children!" -
1 John:3

Pray Together...

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for your love,
a love so great that you gave your one and only Son,
So that we could have eternal life.
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>