

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)

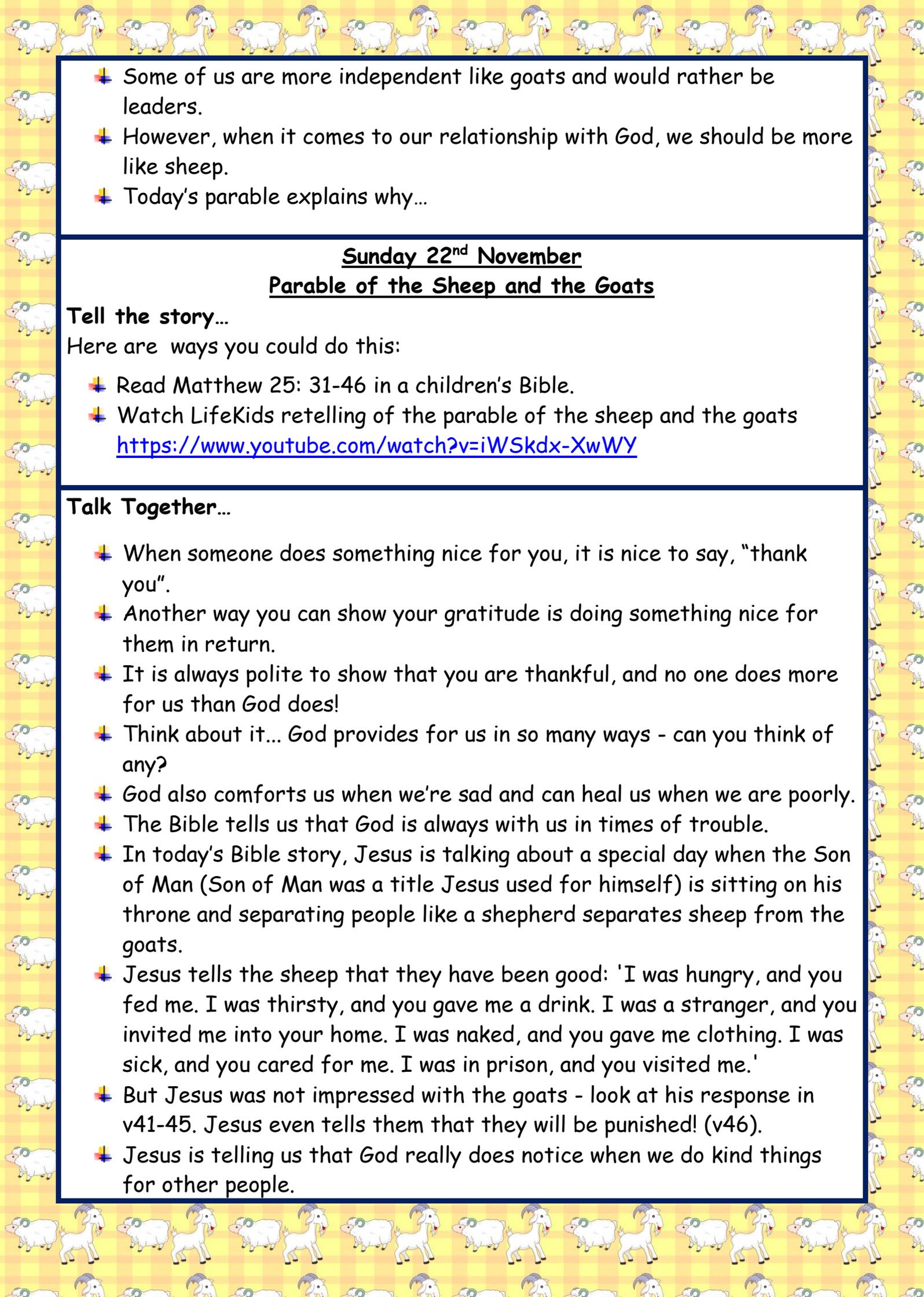
Open our eyes to see you in the world around us.
(point to your eyes)

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...

- ✚ How easy is it to tell the difference between a sheep and a goat?
- ✚ The easiest way to tell a goat from a sheep is that goat tails usually stick up in the air but a sheep's tail hangs down.
- ✚ If sheep have horns, they are usually curved (goat's horns are less curved).
- ✚ Sheep usually have fluffy wool that must be sheared, whereas goats have flatter hair.
- ✚ Sheep are followers; they like to stay with the crowd. They don't like being alone, and find comfort in large groups. They need a leader or someone to protect them, care for them, and guide them.
- ✚ Goats, on the other hand, are more independent. Although they do like to spend time with other goats, they don't get upset if they have to be by themselves. They tend to get into trouble more than sheep because they are very curious.
- ✚ Do you think you are more like a sheep or a goat?
- ✚ We are all different.
- ✚ Some of us are more like sheep, and would rather follow than lead.

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- ✚ Some of us are more independent like goats and would rather be leaders.
 - ✚ However, when it comes to our relationship with God, we should be more like sheep.
 - ✚ Today's parable explains why...

Sunday 22nd November
Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ Read Matthew 25: 31-46 in a children's Bible.
- ✚ Watch LifeKids retelling of the parable of the sheep and the goats
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iW5kdx-XwWY>

Talk Together...

- ✚ When someone does something nice for you, it is nice to say, "thank you".
- ✚ Another way you can show your gratitude is doing something nice for them in return.
- ✚ It is always polite to show that you are thankful, and no one does more for us than God does!
- ✚ Think about it... God provides for us in so many ways - can you think of any?
- ✚ God also comforts us when we're sad and can heal us when we are poorly.
- ✚ The Bible tells us that God is always with us in times of trouble.
- ✚ In today's Bible story, Jesus is talking about a special day when the Son of Man (Son of Man was a title Jesus used for himself) is sitting on his throne and separating people like a shepherd separates sheep from the goats.
- ✚ Jesus tells the sheep that they have been good: 'I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'
- ✚ But Jesus was not impressed with the goats - look at his response in v41-45. Jesus even tells them that they will be punished! (v46).
- ✚ Jesus is telling us that God really does notice when we do kind things for other people.

- ✚ If we are followers of Jesus, we are taught to show love for others as Jesus shows love for us.
- ✚ That is how Jesus can tell His sheep from the goats.
- ✚ Remember to thank God for the many ways he has blessed you, and as an act of praise, thank Him by sharing His blessings with others you meet this week.

Sing Together... (or listen)

- ✚ Thankful
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Erok8_xBw&t=44s

Make Together...

- ✚ Use a clean cardboard, paper, pens, paints, paper plate/bowl, tissue paper, string, foam, magazines, newspapers, lollipop sticks, sticks, wool, toilet roll tubes or whatever you have in the house to make...
- ✚ Create a pair of fridge magnets... see the template on the final page.



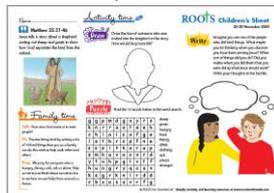
- ✚ Make a giving box... think of things you can give this week and write them on pieces of paper and place them in your box.



- ✚ Make a sheep poster...



- ✚ Complete this weeks, Roots activity sheet...



Build together...

- ✚ Using Lego or any other building bricks create a flock of sheep. As you make them, talk about all the things you could do for others this week.



The Parable of the Sheep & Goats



Remember together... (memory verse)

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

- Matthew 25:40

Pray Together...

Dear Father,

Thank you for creating us with so many different personality types.

We know that you have created us all for a special purpose.

Help us to use our special gifts to glorify you.

Teach us to follow you, trust you, and give ourselves completely to you.

Help us to love our neighbours and to show them your love through giving ourselves to them.

Help us this week to remember to give to others.

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>



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Sheep Head



Feed the Hungry
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Help the Sick
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