



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 met someone who seemed to know you, even though they hadn't seen you or talked to you in person before?
- ✚ May be a friend of the family or a distant relative.
- ✚ Did you know God also knows you... in fact he knows everyone!
- ✚ Today's Gospel's and Readings are all about being known and being called by God...

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Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ You can read the story in the gospel of John 1: 43-51 in a children's Bible.
- ✚ Alternatively, you could watch one of these video clips...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9j5CPuAUCAg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FwkvqkVUwg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bc9oFmXSZfk>



Talk Together...

- ✚ When Philip told Nathanael to come and see Jesus, he didn't seem too interested.
- ✚ However, when Nathanael met Jesus, he was impressed because Jesus seemed to already know him...
- ✚ Jesus assured him that it wasn't merely a magic trick, but that much greater things would happen.
- ✚ It was enough to inspire Nathanael to follow Jesus and see what else He might do...
- ✚ We should be willing to follow, as well.
- ✚ God knows us better than even our parents know us, better than we know ourselves!
- ✚ He knows every detail about us, and He has special plans for us.
- ✚ It might seem like you aren't able to do much now, since there are things that you can't do as a child.
- ✚ Nevertheless, God still uses you, each and every day!
- ✚ You have a plan and a purpose.
- ✚ God made you and loves you.
- ✚ We can learn to follow Him when we pray, read His word, and think about what it means to love other people and love God.
- ✚ Here is another part of the Bible that reminds us that God knows us and is always with us.
- ✚ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7eQ7D-A00Bw>
- ✚ Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18

139 Lord, you have examined me.

You know all about me.

² You know when I sit down and when I get up.

You know my thoughts before I think them.

³ You know where I go and where I lie down.

You know well everything I do.

⁴ Lord, even before I say a word,

you already know what I am going to say.

⁵ You are all around me—in front and in back.

You have put your hand on me.

But even the darkness is not dark to you.

The night is as light as the day.

Darkness and light are the same to you.

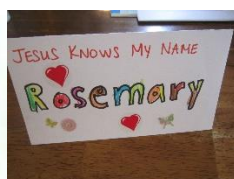
13 You made my whole being.
You formed me in my mother's body.
14 I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way.
What you have done is wonderful.
I know this very well.
15 You saw my bones being formed
as I took shape in my mother's body.
When I was put together there,
16 you saw my body as it was formed.
All the days planned for me
were written in your book
before I was one day old.
17 God, your thoughts are precious to me.
They are so many!
18 If I could count them,
they would be more than all the grains of sand.
When I wake up,
I am still with you.

Sing Together... (or listen)

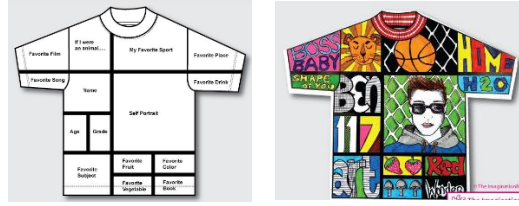
- ✚ Who you say I am...Hillsong Kids
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOLHTDVy5CO>
- ✚ Fear Not... Ellie Holcombe
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDNIFzcqing>

Make Together...

- ✚ Use 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...
- ✚ Make a name poster or card saying... 'He knows my name...(your name)'



- ✚ Design a T-shirt all about you, think about all the things you like... favourite book, subject, colour, food, film, hobby, sports, activities etc.



- ✚ Make a collage to show how God knows us, sees us and hears us...



- ✚ 'Find Philip' activity sheet...



- ✚ Complete the 'Roots' and 'Look' sheets.



Play Together...

"I'm Thinking of an Animal"

- ✚ Remember, God knows everything about you, even what you are thinking.
- ✚ Wouldn't it be interesting if we could know what everyone was thinking.
- ✚ In this game, you must try to guess what each other is thinking by asking questions.

How to Play

- ✚ Have one-person think of an animal.
- ✚ When they are ready, they should say - "I'm thinking of an animal."
- ✚ Take turns asking a question to find out what animal the person is thinking about.
- ✚ Once someone asks a question, he gets to guess what the animal might be.
- ✚ Then the next person gets to ask a question.
- ✚ The person who guesses right is the next person to think of an animal.



A little tip for Parents

Make sure you know what the child is thinking before they start because they may change the animal if someone guesses too soon. Maybe they could write it down or draw it.

Remember together... (memory verse)

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...."

Psalm 139: 14

Pray Together...

Dear Father God,
You are so amazing.
You know everything about us:
when we get up in the morning and when we go to bed at night,
when we feel lonely and when we are happy.
You know when we do well and when we do bad.
We thank you and praise you for loving us.
And ask you to guide us to follow you just as Nathaniel and Philip.
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)
- ✚ You could also send it to stmaxentiusonline@gmail.com and I will send them on to Revd Peter our Team Rector, then they can be shared in the online weekly.
- ✚ For more activities and links go to our Turton Moorland Team website - Children's Resources - <https://turtonmoorlandteam.co.uk/turton-youth-church/#childrens-resources>