



# 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...

- ✚ This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Advent.
- ✚ Today we will light the fourth and final purple candle on the Advent Wreath, the candle that represents JOY!
- ✚ Lots of things that happen to us give us joy, friends, family, doing the things we love, good news, gifts...
- ✚ At this time of year, we celebrate with joy, God's greatest gift... Jesus

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Holy Gifts

## Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ You can read the story in the gospel of Luke in a children's Bible.
- ✚ Here's a few different video's telling the story. Enjoy this funny retelling of the Nativity told by children and acted out by adults.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5m2GE6DFeM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suowe2czxcA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3656G6tWuI>

## Talk Together...

- ✚ The news of a new baby is always exciting in a family and there's always lots to think about.
- ✚ Is it going to be a girl or a boy?
- ✚ Who will they look like?
- ✚ What name should the baby be given?
- ✚ Sometimes baby's are named after someone, but sometimes they are given a name because it has a special meaning.
- ✚ Most names have a special meaning. Here are a few, you may recognise some from the Bible...

John - God gave

Mary - the perfect one

Caleb - faithful, bold

Alex or Alexis - helper

Michael or Michaela - one who is like God

Elizabeth - God's promise

Daniel or Danielle - God is my judge

- ✚ I wonder do you know the meaning behind your name and why it was chosen for you?
- ✚ May be you share your name with another relative or may be it was chosen out of a book.
- ✚ When Mary and Joseph found out that they were going to have a baby, they didn't get a book to help them choose a name for Mary's baby.
- ✚ Actually, they didn't even choose the baby's name at all!
- ✚ God chose it for them; He sent an angel to tell Mary what to name her baby.
- ✚ Mary named her baby Jesus, which means, Immanuel (God with us).
- ✚ The angel visiting Mary happened a very long ago and yet Christians still celebrate the birth of Jesus today. Why?
- ✚ Jesus was no ordinary baby.
- ✚ Jesus grew up to show the world how to love God and each other.
- ✚ But, God also sent His one and only son to rescue us and restore our relationships with Him:  
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"  
- John 3:16
- ✚ This year when you look at your Christmas tree or when you are opening your presents and you are filled with joy. Remember that long ago an

angel announced to Mary that her baby would be special, a very special 'holy gift' and that he would be known forever as Jesus, the saviour of the world.

### Sing Together... (or listen)

#### ✚ FEELIN' LIKE CHRISTMAS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-A6tz0IiYo>

#### ✚ WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT

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

### 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...

#### ✚ Create a Nativity Scene...



- ✚ Star Prayers - This simple festive craft can be displayed in a window or tree during Christmas. Make a simple star template or look online and cut out enough stars for everyone in the household. Invite everyone to write one-line prayers of thanks on one side. Decorate the other side of the prayer stars with colour, glitter etc. punch a hole in the top of each one and attach a piece of thread so that they can be hung on the Christmas tree or in a window - thread them together so that they go across the window...



- ✚ For fun exploring the true meaning of Christmas together, click on the link below a fantastic colouring-in sheet from 'Bath & Wells Diocese'.

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Its-Christmas.pdf>



### Build Together...

- ✚ Using Lego or other building blocks - build a nativity scene.



### Remember together... (memory verse)

"For nothing will be impossible with God"

- Luke 1:37

### Pray Together...

Dear God,  
Thank You for sending Your Son.  
During this season when we celebrate His birth,  
help us to remember there's salvation in the name of Jesus.  
In Jesus' name, 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>