



TUPTON MOORLAND TEAM



Children's Worship

Lent - "Let us Pray" - Children's Creative Prayer Activity
Week 5 - Praying with Images

Different Ways to Pray...

Rainbow Prayers

You will need:
Anything you can find to make a rainbow.



First create a rainbow...

Create rainbow picture out of anything you want be creative. You can draw one, paint one, craft one out of coloured paper, buttons, tissue ribbon or chalk one outside.

You can collect up lots of different items in the colours of the rainbow from around the house e.g. cushions, towels, bedding, teddy bears, toys, fruit etc. When you have everything place them in rainbow order.

Time to pray! Focus on each colour and pray to God, for the world, for others and for ourselves...

Red Give thanks to God for everything we are blessed with in our lives.

Orange Ask God to forgive us and others, for the things we have done wrong.

Yellow Ask God to strengthen and protect our church and community and pray for any people that are ill or lonely. Pray for Christians around the world.

Green Ask God to bring hope and light into difficult situations.

Blue Pray for the world, God's creation and for places where life is challenging.

Indigo Pray for people we know, family, friends and the people who love us.

Violet Pray for ourselves, ask God to bless you and share with him any of your worries or things that you are finding difficult. **AMEN**



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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 what a stethoscope is?
- + Look up 'stethoscope' on the internet.
- + Doctors use stethoscopes to listen to what is going on inside of our bodies.
- + A person might look very healthy on the outside and yet have something wrong on the inside...

Sunday 21st March 2021

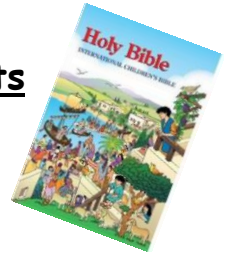
A Prayer for Forgiveness to Clean Our Hearts

Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- + Read Psalm 51 (below)
- + Watch this interesting video from 'God's Story' about prayer and why King David prayed to God.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrdlXOK_QdQ



51 God, be merciful to me
because you are loving.
Because you are always ready to be merciful,
wipe out all my wrongs.
2 Wash away all my guilt
and make me clean again.
3 I know about my wrongs.
I can't forget my sin.
4 You are the one I have sinned against.
I have done what you say is wrong.
So you are right when you speak.
You are fair when you judge me.
5 I was brought into this world in sin.
In sin my mother gave birth to me.
6 You want me to be completely truthful.
So teach me wisdom.
7 Take away my sin, and I will be clean.
Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
8 Make me hear sounds of joy and gladness.
Let the bones you crushed be happy again.
9 Turn your face from my sins.
Wipe out all my guilt.
10 Create in me a clean heart, God.
Make my spirit right again.
11 Do not send me away from you.

Do not take your Holy Spirit away from me.
¹² Give me back the joy that comes when you save me.
Keep me strong by giving me a willing spirit.
¹³ Then I will teach your ways to those who do wrong.
And sinners will turn back to you.

Talk Together...

- + Many doctors see patients a regular health checkup.
- + They check weight, look in your eyes, ears, nose, and throat.
- + Then, the doctor takes the stethoscope and listens to see if your heart beat is strong and steady.
- + Any unusual sound may tell the doctor that something is wrong with your heart.
- + You might need some medicine to make it well or sometimes a doctor finds something wrong and has to operate to fix it.
- + There have even been some cases when a person needed a whole new heart.
- + Isn't it wonderful that talented doctors can fix our heart when something goes wrong?
- + The Bible story today is Psalm 51 written by David the shepherd boy who defeated Goliath and eventually became king.
- + King David loved God with all his heart, but he didn't always do what God wanted him to do.
- + Sometimes, David had heart trouble, but not heart trouble you could hear with a stethoscope.
- + David knew he had sinned and done wicked and evil things according to God.
- + So, David went to the only one who could fix it - God.
- + David prayed to God and said,
"O God, I have sinned against you and I have done evil things in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, and give me a right spirit."
+ Sometimes we can have heart problems too.
- + God can see that our heart isn't right.
- + There might be things in our heart that shouldn't be there - bitterness, jealousy, selfishness, anger, pride, and greed.
- + Everything may look great on the outside, but when we know that we have a heart problem, we need to do what David did.

- + We need to pray to God and say, "Create in me a clean heart and Make my right spirit right again."
- + If you have some things in your heart that shouldn't be there - pray, repent and ask God to fix it!

Sing Together... (or listen)

- + Create in Me - Rend Collective
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amWKS0AMDVg>
- + God is for Me - Life Tree Kids
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmMFCMiT-ac>

Make Together...

- + Use paper, cardboard, paper, pens, paints, paper plate/bowl, tissue paper, string, lollipop sticks, sticks, wool, toilet roll tubes or whatever you have in the house to make...
- + Make a memory verse picture... (great video below)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gr9LzcEIWic>

- + Make a "Washed Away Prayer" - Using water soluble pens make a list together of things that you do to make God feel sad. Once the list is complete say "Lord, we are sorry for all the times we make you feel sad and for all the things we do wrong. For the times we have... (say the list). Lord we are sorry, Amen". Then sprinkle a few drops of water onto the paper and watch the water dissolve the ink. This is a great reminder that when we say sorry to God he forgives us and washes away our wrongdoing, giving us the opportunity to make a fresh, clean start...



- ✚ Complete the mindful colouring page...



- ✚ Super Soaker Cleanse - Draw and cut out a big heart. Write words on it that make hearts unclean, such as Anger, Lies, Complaining, Disobedience, Envy, Pride, Greed, Gossip etc. Stick your heart up on a wall (I suggest outside). Then using a super soaker/ water gun, try and hit each word, when you hit it say sorry to God for those times and say "Create in me a clean heart, Lord". You could also use a Nerf Gun.



Build Together...



- ✚ Using Lego, other building blocks or boxes - Make a heart then build a tower on top. Think and talk about all the things we might do wrong in our lives to make our hearts unclean. Say sorry to God and say "Create in me a clean heart, Lord". Knock the tower down.

Play Together...

HEART HUNT:

- ✚ Cut out 12 hearts.
- ✚ Then on each heart write a word from today's Bible memory verse.
- ✚ Hide the hearts around the house or if it's fine outside.
- ✚ The children then HUNT for the hearts.
- ✚ When all the words are found, put them in order and "SAY" the verse together!

Remember Together... (memory verse)

'Create in me a clean heart, God.
Make my spirit right again.'
- Psalm 51:10

Pray Together...



Dear Father,
we know that you can see what is in our heart
and we know that there are some things there that shouldn't be there.
Create a clean heart in us, O God.
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>

