



### 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...

- ✚ If you made a list of your top three favourite television programmes, what would they be?
- ✚ Or your top three favourite songs?
- ✚ Or your top three favourite toys?
- ✚ I guess you could make a top three list for just about everything you can imagine.
- ✚ I have a top three list this morning that you may not have heard before.
- ✚ But, first let's hear our gospel story...

### Low Sunday - Easter 2 - Doubting Thomas - Don't Miss Out!

#### Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ Read John 20: 19-31 in a children's Bible.
- ✚ Read 'Later that Sunday' and 'Jesus and Thomas' in 'The Big Bible Storybook' by SPCK
- ✚ Watch the story...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A\\_QcGnwilXI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_QcGnwilXI)



## Talk Together...

- ✚ The first time Jesus appeared to the disciples Thomas wasn't there.
- ✚ When the other disciples told him he didn't believe them. "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it," Thomas told them.
- ✚ But a week later it happened again, Jesus came and stood among his disciples.
- ✚ This time Thomas was with them.
- ✚ Jesus turned to Thomas and said, "See my hands; put your fingers here. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."
- ✚ Thomas didn't need to touch the wounds where the nails had been or put his hand into his side. He fell on his knees before Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!"
- ✚ Before Jesus returned to heaven to be with his Father, he told his disciples that when two or three are gathered together in his name, he would be there with them.
- ✚ Over the last 13 months we haven't been able to come together in the name of Jesus to worship and to praise him.
- ✚ Some of us may have missed going to Church / Junior Church / Sunday School and some of us may have enjoyed staying at home and having a lie in!
- ✚ We have had 'Church' through our online services every Sunday and lots of stories to hear and fun children's activities to do through our children's worships.
- ✚ Here are my top three reasons for doing these are...
  3. Singing praises to God.
  2. Praying for one another
  1. Growing in our faith
- ✚ However, if we don't participate in church whether we are physically in church or worshipping at home, what really important thing do we miss out on?
- ✚ We miss out on the same thing that Thomas missed out on - the chance to be with Jesus!

## Sing Together... (or listen)

- ✚ Shine a Light

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BI2pjFimJQ>



✚ Every Move I make

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

✚ WAY MAKER | Kids Worship Lyric Video - Christian Songs for Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wyotu9Twko>

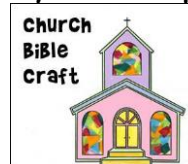
## Make Together...

✚ Use cardboard, paper, pens, paints, toilet roll tubes, paper plate/bowl or whatever you have in the house to make...

✚ Create a hand picture showing the holes Jesus had in his hands and write the message 'MY LORD & MY GOD' or 'BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN YET BELIEVED'



✚ Make a church and list all the reasons why it is important.



✚ WHO'S MISSING IN C-H-\_\_\_-\_\_\_C-H Poster - Cut out large letters, two C's and two H's. Then cut out the U and the R in brightly coloured paper and decorate. Place the C and H's in the proper place, then the U and R. Write underneath 'YOU ARE important for the CHURCH to be complete, Don't miss out on Jesus!'.

✚ Complete the LOOK resource sheet, Wordsearch or Maze activity for this week... (On the website)



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## Build Together...

- Using Lego or other building blocks - build the room with the disciples in it where Jesus appeared. Don't forget to create a character for Doubting Thomas
- Retell the story afterwards.



## Play Together...

### HERE IS THE CHURCH:

- Here is the church (fold your hands with fingers inside)
- Here is the steeple (put index fingers up to form the steeple of the church)
- Open the doors (move your thumbs apart to see inside the church)
- And see all the people. (show fingers inside, moving around but do not turn fingers to outside)

## Remember together... (memory verse)



Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"  
John 20:19

## Pray Together...

Dear Jesus,  
We have gathered in your name today,  
Whether at home or in church,  
because we want to be with you.  
We have come to worship and praise your 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)

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- ✚ You could also send it to [stmaxentiusonline@gmail.com](mailto: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>
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