

#FacingUp  
#FacingOutwards

TURTON MOORLAND TEAM

# 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)*

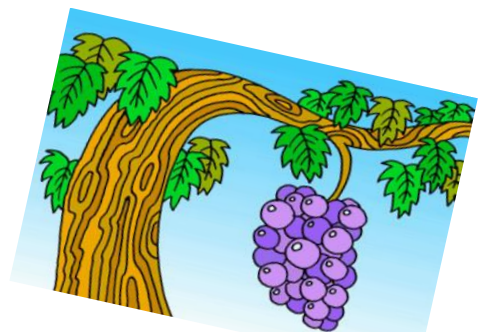
And open our hands to help each other.


*(open out arms and hands wide)*

Amen.

## Time to Think...

- ✚ Do you know the song, "This Little Light of Mine"?
- ✚ We are often told by people to let our light shine, but to shine brightly it must be connected to a power a battery of plugged in to mains electric.
- ✚ In fact, it's pretty hard for a light to shine when it isn't connected to the power source. Actually, it's not just hard; it's impossible!
- ✚ This reminds me of something Jesus said in the Bible.
- ✚ He told His disciples a story to help them understand why it's important to stay connected to Him.
- ✚ But He didn't use a lamp.
- ✚ In His example there was a grapevine.





Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Easter 5 - "I am the True Vine"

**Tell the story...**

Here are ways you could do this:

✚ Read John 15: 1-17 in a children's Bible.

✚ Watch the story on...

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKl6zmr7qzE>

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**Talk Together...**

- ✚ A vine is a plant with a lot of branches growing out from it.
- ✚ The branches have fruit on them.
- ✚ So grapevines have grapes on them.
- ✚ Think about a branch that's been broken off of a tree or a vine.
- ✚ What happens to it? It withers up and dies.
- ✚ It can't ever have fruit on it again; it's not good for anything except firewood.
- ✚ Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me, you will have much fruit, but apart from me, you can do nothing."
- ✚ Jesus wants us to produce fruit.
- ✚ Good fruit, like kindness, generosity, and faithfulness.
- ✚ Most of all, He wants us to love others as He has loved us.
- ✚ But we can't do it on our own.
- ✚ Just as the lamp must be plugged in before its light can shine, and just as the branches must be connected to the vine before they can produce fruit, you and I must stay connected to Jesus to produce the good fruit that God expects of us.

**Sing Together... (or listen)**

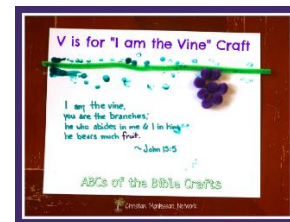
✚ Remain in Me I am the Vine...

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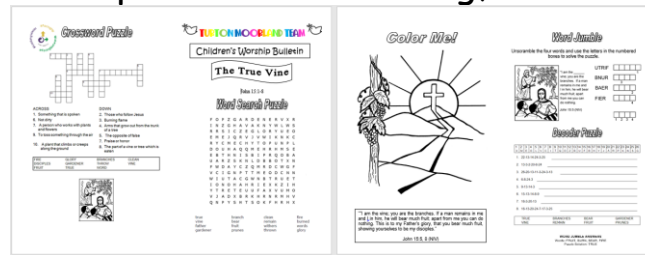
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## Make Together...

- Use cardboard, paper, pens, paints, paper plate/bowl, pasta, string, foam, magazines, newspapers, lollipop sticks, sticks, wool, toilet roll tubes or whatever you have in the house to make...
- Create a vine picture bearing fruit, write some names on the fruit, including yours. Write Jesus' name on the vine...



- Complete the Worship Bulletin - Colouring, Word search and puzzles.



## Build Together...

- Using Lego or other building blocks - build a vine bearing fruit, reflect in the bible reading.



## Remember together... (memory verse)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener..."

John 15: 1





**Pray Together...**

Dear God,  
Help us remember that we need to stay plugged into Jesus,  
if we're going to produce the kind of fruit You expect.

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)
- ✚ 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>