



TUPTON 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...

- ✚ This week, (and next week too) explores the beginning of the Book of Acts. You will read about the amazing beginnings of the church and as you look and learn together, you will hear how you can live powerful lives like the disciples in the Book of Acts.

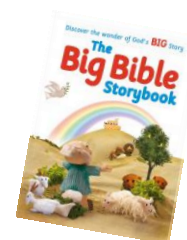
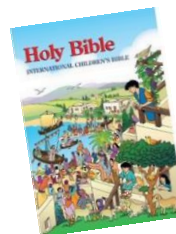
## Easter 7 - Sunday after Ascension

### Jesus Goes to Heaven

## Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ Read Acts 1: 1-11 in a children's Bible.
- ✚ Read 'Jesus goes to heaven' in 'The Big Bible Storybook' by SPCK
- ✚ Watch the story on...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnRJa4cZQIE>

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## Talk Together...

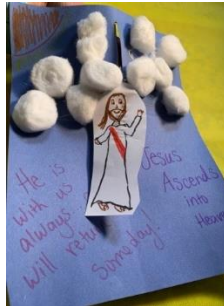
- + Many amazing things can be done and can happen, but is there anything more amazing to happen than Jesus' resurrection from the dead?
- + This was something that had never happened before, and has not happened since.
- + If you had seen Him alive with your own two eyes, what would have done?
- + Jesus wants the disciples to tell others the Good News about Him. That He is alive. That He is the Saviour of the World. How will they do this? "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8).
- + Jesus says they needed two things: The disciples needed power. Jesus was going to give them His Holy Spirit to help them tell people about Him. But that wasn't all they needed. They also needed a plan to do this.
- + Jesus tells his disciples to start telling people about Him in Jerusalem, and then once they've done that, to move out to Judea and Samaria, and then to keep moving on to next places until the ends of the earth have heard the good news about Him.
- + The disciples had a job to do for Jesus. They had work to do, but first they needed to follow Jesus' instructions. He told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit - find out next week what happened to the disciples as they waited in Jerusalem!
- + How can you help others become friends with God?
- + Which story about Jesus would you tell a friend?

## Sing Together... (or listen)

- + Early Childhood Worship - Acts 1:8 Action song.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6oLVNWwqqQ>
- + Tell the World - Hillsong kids  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hy4QNFjrBwI>
- + Tell the World - Actions Video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Es4-7S1hsps>

## 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...
- ✚ An Ascension Day model or a picture of Jesus rising into the clouds.



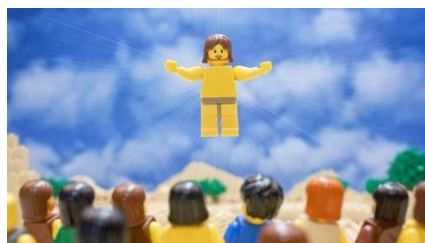
## ✚ Creative Prayer 1≈ Spiral Prayers

Take a piece of paper—scrap will do—and draw around a circle shape like a small plate or CD. Draw a spiral inside it like in the picture then write or draw things in there you would like to pray to Jesus about. Cut the spiral out and thread a piece of string or thread through the middle bit. The spiral will dangle down and spin slightly. As it does so, imagine your prayers rising, ascending to Jesus. Even though we can't see him, Jesus is always with us.



## Build Together...

- ✚ Using Lego or other building blocks - build the scene of Jesus and the disciples, then retell the story. Why not make your own Lego stop motion or IMovie.



## Play Together...

### ✚ Activity 1 ≈ Up in the air challenge

You will need a ball, bean bag, balloon or similar. Simply throw the object up into the air and catch it and see how many times you can do it without stopping or dropping! If throwing and catching with two hands is easier try using just one. How well can you do if you move around? Perhaps you could have a household challenge!

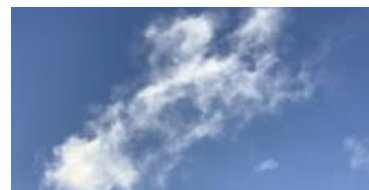
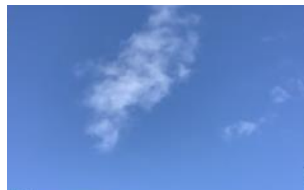


### ✚ Activity 2 ≈ Cloud Watching

A sunny day is best for this, but you can do it on any day there are clouds in the sky. The best clouds are cumulus clouds, they are the clouds that look like fluffy cotton wool and if you look closely they change shape as they move across the sky.

If you can, lay down on the ground, look up and just take a few moments to look at the clouds. Look at the different shapes of the clouds and think about what they look like. Take it in turns to describe them to each other. Maybe you will see a dog or a dragon, or a rocket or a castle, with a tower and a flag waving at the top.

Maybe you could make up a story about the things you can see in the clouds and then you could tell someone your story.



## Remember together... (memory verse)

*But I promise you this - you will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and you will be my messengers to even to the remotest places on earth!*

Acts 1:8

## Pray Together...

Jesus,

Thank you that you love us. We want to show that we love you by doing what you ask and loving other people. Holy Spirit, thank you that you are always with us. Help us to love other people.

Amen.


## Creative Prayer Activity ≈ Left behind prayers...

We know that Jesus friends spent time in the temple being thankful when Jesus went back, ascended, into Heaven. They were left behind to do amazing things, waiting for the gift Jesus had promised them and knowing he had promised to be always with them. We'll think more about that gift, the Holy Spirit in a couple of weeks but for now why not say these prayers together each person using their left hand.

- Put your left hand behind your back and pray for people who might be feeling worried or afraid. Who can you think off? Ask God to be with them.
- Reach out your left hand to the side and pray for people who are ill. Is there anyone in particular you can think off? Ask God to be close to them.
- Put your left hand palm-down flat in front of you and pray for all those countries that come to your mind.
- Turn your left hand so the palm face up and remember that Jesus promises ' 'I am always with you'. Tell him some things you are happy for and some things you would like him to help you with.
- Then raise your left hand high in the air and shout '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>