

#FacingUp  
#FacingOutwards

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...**

- ✚ Many things that start off small become large.
- ✚ Can you think of things which start out small but grow big?
- ✚ For example; people start as babies but grow to be adults, a deflated balloon or football gets bigger when air is pumped into it and seeds are small but when planted and watered they become big plants...

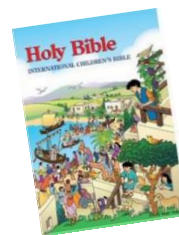
**The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

**Tell the story...**

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ Read Mark 4: 30-34 in a children's Bible.
- ✚ Watch the story on...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifKH0-y7O\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifKH0-y7O_I)



## Talk Together...

- ✚ Have you ever seen a mustard seed?
- ✚ The mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds.
- ✚ It is so small that if you hold one in your hand and drop it, you will have a very hard time finding it because it is so hard to see.
- ✚ Even though the mustard seed is one of the smallest of all seeds, when it is planted in the ground, it grows into a plant so large that birds can perch on its branches and can even build their nests in it - look at pictures on the internet - these tiny seeds can produce a plant that grows ten feet high or more!
- ✚ Jesus told this parable comparing the mustard seed to the kingdom of God.
- ✚ But how is this a picture of the kingdom of God?
- ✚ When Jesus first began his earthly ministry, he had no followers.
- ✚ The Bible tells us that Jesus was walking along the shore of the sea of Galilee when he saw two fishermen, Peter and his brother Andrew, casting their nets. "Come, follow me," Jesus said to them.
- ✚ They immediately followed Jesus. As they continued on their way, they saw two other brothers, James and John, mending their nets.
- ✚ Jesus called them and they immediately left their nets and followed him.
- ✚ One by one, Jesus called his disciples until there were twelve of them.
- ✚ That is still a pretty small beginning, isn't it?
- ✚ Jesus sent out the twelve and they brought others to Jesus and the kingdom of God grew.
- ✚ From a very small beginning, the kingdom of God has grown and grown until it has spread over the entire earth.
- ✚ Jesus started growing the kingdom of God with a handful of disciples.
- ✚ Every follower of Jesus is a part of the kingdom, and that means that you are a part of God's kingdom too!
- ✚ Each time you tell someone about Jesus, you are helping to grow the kingdom.
- ✚ Isn't it great to know that you can play your part in growing God's kingdom?



## Sing Together... (or listen)

- ✚ Faith as small as a mustard seed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPylxzfN-Oo>

## Make Together...

- ✚ Use cardboard, paper, pens, paints, toilet roll tubes, paper plate/bowl/cup, tissue paper or whatever you have in the house...
- ✚ Create a mustard tree picture and write today's memory verse on it.

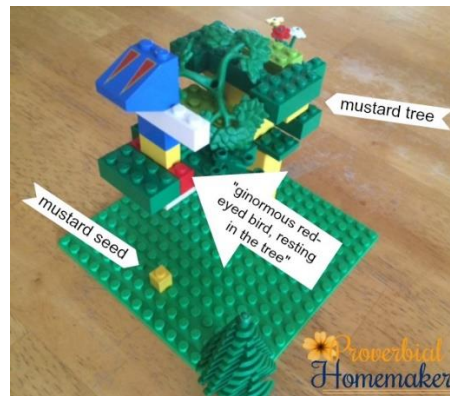


- ✚ Get some mustard seeds, place a mustard seed in a small pot or jar filled with dirt. Place it somewhere where it will get sunshine. Water the plant from time to time to remind yourself of this parable.



## Build Together...

- ✚ Using Lego or other building blocks - build a mustard tree with nests and birds.



## Remember together... (memory verse)

"The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when planted it becomes the largest of all garden plants"  
- Mark 4:31-32

## Pray Together...

Loving God,  
Help and encourage us to grow Your kingdom here on earth.  
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>