

Class-based Worship

Week 1

Recap the theme of Lent 2025, 'God in this place' (that is, over the next few weeks we will explore Jacob's dream (Genesis 28: 10-22) and consider our life journeys and the communities within which we are a part).

Idea One

Follow the normal gathering routines for class-based worship.

'Paper the walls with your prayers'. Place six pieces of A3/sugar paper around the walls of the classroom, each with a different heading such as:

- Our school
- Ourselves
- Our community
- Local churches
- Our country
- Our world

Pupils to write their prayers/hopes for each on the paper/a post-it to add to the wall.

After a period of time has elapsed, ask pupils to spend a bit of time going around and reading others' contributions. Offer up the class' reflections to God in prayer.

Idea Two

Follow the normal gathering routines for class-based worship.

Ask pupils to find a space on the field or the playground. Invite them to close their eyes. Just be still for a moment – breathe in... (count to five), breathe out... (count to five). Staying nice and still, just listen to the sounds around you. What can you hear? Which direction is it coming from? What might be making that sound? What might be happening to make that sound?

Think about the action behind these sounds. What is being achieved? Is a bird trying to communicate? People in a car travelling from one destination to another?

Invite the class to pray for these things below...nature in full swing, people going about their business... 'we pray that you can bless all living things in all they do today, and that we can be a blessing to all we meet. Amen.'