

Gathering

Rehearse the role play with some children prior to the day (see attached script). Have two chairs at 90 degrees to each other ready for the role play or let them act out the role play standing. Pupils need a flagon and bread roll.

Follow the school's normal gathering routines, using words of liturgy which are familiar to students and adults

or

Light a candle and offer the following prayer: 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you'. Response: *and also with you.* (To support pupil understanding of the Christian belief in God as Trinity here, why not light a single candle which has three wicks, lighting them in turn as each 'person' is acknowledged?)

Engagement

Explain to the children that we are going to explore the reading (Jacob's ladder) that we heard earlier in the week through some role play. Invite the two children up to the seats.

Response

Take a couple of minutes to think with a partner – how would you have felt if someone had told you this story of their journey? Now take answers...

I wonder if we should be more open to listening to others telling us of extraordinary things that they have experienced in their life? Or just be more open to our consciences telling us what is the right thing to do today?

Prayer

God of journeys, dreams and angels, be with us today.

As our day stretches out in front of us, like an open road, may we take advantage of all the opportunities that come our way.

As we think about our journeys, may we always be aware that you have spoken to many through dreams - and maybe our dreams are sometimes a word from you.

Sending

Follow normal school sending routines.