

KEY CONCEPT/MESSAGE:

The theme for the third week of 'God in this place' is 'Dreaming'. In a dream, Jacob had an encounter with God which offered him 'promise for the present and hope for the future'. Each collective worship plan in this instalment provides an opportunity for the school community to reflect on dreams – have you had any *dreams* that have stayed with you? What are your *dreams* for the future? What was the impact of Jacob's *dream* upon him?

Gathering

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?)

Show Week 3 Pupil Video as the community gathers together (<https://youtu.be/5Y7cQIQ74Pw>). Remind pupils that we have been exploring 'God in this place' through looking at the story of Jacob's dream in Genesis 28. Recently, we reflected on our own 'Journeys through life'. This week we will be thinking about our hopes and dreams, and the famous dream of Jacob in the Bible.

Engagement

I wonder...how many of us have had a dream that has stayed with us? A dream that has meant a lot to us?

People talk about dreams a lot – a dream house, a dream holiday, a dream job. Often people are told to 'follow their dreams'.

Some talk about dreams as a vision. A vision for a better future, a better world. These dreams are often linked to hope. Martin Luther King had a famous dream like this. His dream was to live in a world where everybody was treated equally.

Show the sentence starter: 'I dream to live in a world where...'. How might you complete this sentence starter today?

Explain that we are now going to watch the VLOG for this week on 'dreams'. Watch VLOG – Week 3 (<https://youtu.be/PIEljwlnAQM>).

Response

In the VLOG, Kim mentioned how Jacob had received from God in his dream 'promise for the present and hope for the future'.

Invite a moment of reflection:

I wonder what your dreams for the future are? A vision for a better future:

- for you?

- for us as a school community?
- for the world?

I wonder where this vision has come from? Yourself? God?

Offer a time of prayer using the prayer below. Invite the school community, to say 'Amen' at the end if they'd like to make the prayer their own. *Alternatively, why not offer the opportunity for a pupil to offer a spontaneous prayer based on what we have been thinking about in this act of collective worship?*

God,

We have thought today about Jacob's amazing dream where you offered him 'promise for the present and hope for the future'.

We pray that you can be with us now, in this place, as we seek to know you and your plans for us.

Amen

Sending

Recap the main messages – hopes, dreams, vision for a better future. Invite the school community to continue pondering their hopes and dreams.

Show the 'Week 3 Pupil Video' as the community leave.