

Gathering

Show the images of 'journeys' – roads and paths stretching into the distance – as pupils enter room. As they do so, play 'Next to me' by Emile Sande.

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

- 1) Questions: I wonder what sort of journey you had to school this morning? Perhaps you travelled the same way you always do – car, bike, walk, bus, train etc. Perhaps you encountered particular people, or those you don't usually meet. Perhaps you spend the time thinking, reading, listening to music or a podcast, talking or something else.
- 2) Introduce story - "Today's story features a man who went on a very long journey, and who had a fascinating dream as he slept along the way..."
- 3) Have a student read the story (see separate attachment: Jacob's POV) "We're going to listen to X reading the story- I'd like you to listen and imagine that you're the person telling the story..."

Response

- 1) Reflect - Pause and think about that last sentence: 'Beth-El is wherever I am. I just have to remember the Lord is here. Always.' Reflect on the fact that people of faith believe the Lord is with you, now, wherever you are. How easy do you find it to remember God's presence?
- 2) Questions:
 - I wonder if you've ever had such a huge dream – one that set the pattern for the rest of your life?
 - I wonder if such a dream will come your way in the near future?
 - I wonder if you ever heard God promise to be with you wherever you go?
 - I wonder how we know if it's God speaking to us in such circumstances?
- 3) Play the music and show PowerPoint used at the beginning whilst the school community reflects on these questions.
- 4) Prayer: God of dreams, of journeys and of Angels, help us to hear your voice through the noise that we live in. Help us to recognise angels when they come to be with us. Help us to remember that

people of faith believe that you are indeed next to each one of us as we journey through our lives. Amen.

Sending

Challenge - "I'd like you to think about this story as the day goes by; how can we help each other along the way throughout the day? Maybe you'd like to keep a dream diary from now on, to keep a note of the dreams that you have- and then, if you like, you can consider how your dreams are sent to help you and guide you."