

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?)

Engagement

- 1) Everyone who journeys with God does it in their own personal way. Some people make an outward gesture that they are journeying with God, for example (see PPoint - writing on Toms; basketball shoes of Stephen Curry).
- 2) Others try and make sense of their journey with God. There is a very famous poem, 'Footsteps in the Sand' from Mary Powers, which explores where God is in times of despair and struggle. Show this video (can be found in PowerPoint).
- 3) As we have explored over 'God in this Place', Jacob experienced God in new ways. Through his dream, Jacob received promises from God that God would be with him always. God promised Jacob new hope and a future in which he and his descendants would flourish. Yet, Jacob was human. He wrestled and doubted. In fact, if we follow the story of Jacob further, the bible tells of Jacob literally wrestling God.
- 4) Ask some pupils to read 'Wrestling' from Dave Hopwood.
(<https://davehopwood.com/2016/09/wednesday-riff-wrestling>)

Response

- 5) Over the course of the last six weeks, we have walked with Jacob. We have explored the story of Jacob's dream and thought about his journey, dreams, promises and worship as well as ours. Hopefully, like Jacob, we've changed too as we've had time to explore, reflect and wrestle with big questions together. To finish 'God in this Place', let's watch the Outro Video.

Sending

Prayer

God

Thank you for the opportunity we have had to think deeply through Jacob's dream.

We thank you that you are in this place and all places we find ourselves in.

Help us to recognise you with us as we journey through life.

Amen

Follow school's sending out routines – blessing, blowing out the candle, music etc.