

God in this Place Overview

God in this place provides a suite of collective worship plans over six weeks (for use in large school gatherings as well as class/tutor-based). The plans draw specifically on the Jacob's dream in Genesis 28: 10-22, with various aspects/themes of the narrative being used to prompt spiritual reflection:

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Journeying through life

Week 3: Dreaming

Week 4: Promises

Week 5: Worshipping

Week 6: Journeying with God

Each weekly instalment includes the following:

- **Three collective worship plans.** These start with the showing of a 'VLOG' from a different Christian, who introduces and ruminates on the week's theme and their own experiences. These are adapted for primary and secondary students respectively.
- **A range of ideas for creative prayer in class/tutor-based worship.** These draw upon a range of spiritual disciplines, so as to offer a broad and engagement with spiritual reflection.
- **Activities which allow pupils to theologize/philosophize.** *Is conditional faith appropriate (vv.20-22)? Can we, like Jacob, 'wrestle with God'? What makes a space 'sacred'?*

Furthermore, a *Journeying with Jacob* resource has been created. This provides ideas for a carousel of reflective stations (including scripts) which can be set up in a church or other large space for the school community to engage with. These stations could also be made available to the wider community.

The *God in this place* resources can be used by schools however they choose. Some may decide to use them as a basis for a half-term's worship; others may wish to draw upon the plans over an academic year.

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