Early Years Devotions Order

**LIGHT THE CANDLE**

**INVOCATION**

*Staff member leads, but gives children the opportunity to join in if they can. Once students are familiar with the invocation, you could ask one of them to say the invocation at the front.*Let’s begin.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

**Amen**

[**PRAYER BEFORE READING** –

‘Now we will hear from God. Let’s listen carefully to the Bible story.’

OR ‘Let’s pray before we hear the Bible story.

**Dear God, open our ears and our hearts to hear you today. Amen.**’

*(You could include gestures to match the prayers).*

**BIBLE STORY**

*Staff member reads from a Bible story book, or plays a video retelling.*

**QUESTION TIME**

*Ask some simple questions to check for understanding or help the children connect to the story.*

**PRAYERS**

*Staff member starts off the prayer, connecting back to the Bible story, and then gives students a chance to add their own prayers. OR teach students a simple prayer like The Lord’s Prayer.*

Let’s bow our heads and fold our hands as we pray:

**BLESSING**

*You might like to encourage the children and staff to bless each other at the end of the devotion time. Use simple words and include a simple gesture like making a cross on each other’s forehead or arm.*

**‘God bless you today [name]’;**

**‘Jesus loves you, [name]. Have a great day!’**