Primary Worship Service Order 1

**GATHERING**

*As the students sit down, ask some students to come forward to light the candle and say:*

**‘We light this candle to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.’**

*Other children place the Bible story book on the altar and say:*

**‘We put the Bible on the altar because it is the word of God.’**

Leader (L): Let’s begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Children (C): Amen!**

**SONG**

*Choose a praise/thanksgiving song related to the story of the week or one that the children know well. Model any actions (or ask students to lead them).*

**PRAYER**

*Consider a short prayer preparing children to listen to what God is saying in the readings.*

**THE WORD**

*L: Today we are going to hear a story from the Bible. [introduce the story in 1–2 sentences].*

*The Bible story could be from a Bible story book, children’s Bible, a video clip or a creative retelling of the story.*

**MESSAGE/RESPONSE**

*[The school pastor, chaplain, pastor from a supporting congregation, principal/school leaders etc couldprovide a short message, or the class could prepare a response to the story/readings which lays out the main points of the text and connects it to everyday life. This can include creative responses of different kinds.]*

**PRAYER TIME**

L: Now it’s time to pray. When we pray, we are talking to God! He wants us to pray

for each other, for people who need help and for ourselves.

**SONG**

*You could add in another song here if time permits. Choose a song which connects to the theme for today.*

**BLESSING**

L: Let’s finish our worship by blessing each other. Turn to the person next to you

and make a cross on their hand [or head or arm] and say this:

**God bless you (say their name)! Have a great day.**

*[or another blessing]*