## GATHER

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## ENGAGE

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### THE VINE (whole school)

- John 15 v 1-10
- A good visual example of this is a white carnation which has taken up food dye and a broken one which has not. Use other examples of objects that need to stay ‘connected’ in

## RESPOND

- Use an image/series of images of Shepherd Bread Vine Light depending on the theme of the day.
- Provide questions for reflection
- Eg What is this?
- What does it make you think about?
- Display these as pupils come in to worship and then again as a basis for prayer and reflection either with or without the questions this time

## SEND

- Let us go into the world to walk in God’s light, to rejoice in God’s love and to reflect God’s glory.
- Amen

- Hand out small pieces of bread or grapes at the door as pupils go out on the days when you focus on bread and the vine as a physical reminder of the message
order to be effective eg electrical appliances. Try to be visual and practical to demonstrate connectedness, including the idea of a trunk and branches for a tree/vine (pupils could act the idea of stem and branches for example with the leader of worship as the gardener watering the plant, pruning the plant etc)
Jesus said that branches who stay joined to the stem of the vine receive water and goodness – those who stay close to Jesus receive love and peace. Think about the fruit that is produced also – what is the good fruit of the pupils’ lives in the way that the grapes are the fruit produced by the healthy vine?
(see Margaret Cooling Summer Assemblies E17)

| THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (Key Stage or class worship) | Thank you for the titles and the pictures for Jesus which we find in the Bible. Thank you that they help us to understand more about him and what he can mean to us in our lives.
Thank you for the picture of .......... because it shows us ........
(add details according to the theme of the day)
Amen |
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