

Closing Prayers

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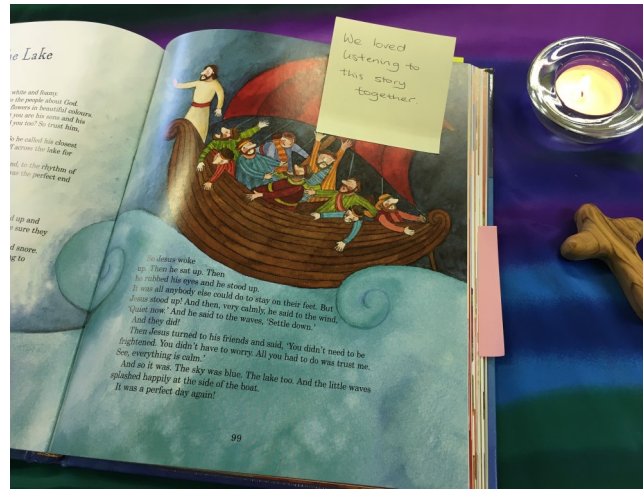
Loving God,
help us to listen to you
as you speak into our hearts
and into our lives,
through the messages of your Holy Bible.

Child:

Dear God,
when we listen to Bible stories
let us remember it is your words
we are hearing.
May they lead us to be the best we can be.

Together:

May this special year bring us closer to our
God who speaks to us, and together, let us
celebrate, live and share God's word.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen



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Holding Cross

Tealight or battery votive

Year of the Word Prayer

The Lion Storyteller Bible

or age appropriate alternative

Post-it notes

Class Prayer notebook

Sts Catholic
Primary School

Celebrating
the Year of
the Word



To help us to celebrate the Year of Word we would like to invite you to share our 'Bible bag.'

During the Year of the Word the bishops of England and Wales have asked us to reflect on celebrating, living and sharing God's word.

Christians believe that God speaks to us through the Bible, the scriptures.

Throughout this Year of the Word we are exploring new ways to look at the Bible and to listen to the God Who Speaks.

Sharing a Bible story as a family is a special way to bring God's word into our homes and deepen our understanding and love of the scriptures.

Official Prayer for the Year of the Word

Living God,
you walk alongside us
and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.
Your Son, Jesus Christ,
listens to our hopes and fears
and shows us how to live for one another.
Send us the Holy Spirit
to open our hearts and minds
so that we may be your witnesses
throughout the world.
Amen

Your word is our path
and your truth is our light.
This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation
Pray for us

St Matthew
Pray for us

St Jerome
Pray for us

On the night you have the bag in your home please:

Choose a bible story or passage together. You may wish to light the candle while you read and listen.

Ask your child/ren what they thought about the story. You may wish to write a post-it note to stick in the Bible, with any thoughts or comments or an illustration of the story

The holding cross can held while saying the Year of the Word prayer and the Closing Prayers.

Optional - A notebook is enclosed for you to write a short family prayer.

The following morning pack away the Bible Bag and return it to school for the next family to take home.