

# The Year of the Word

## Bible Bag

A resource to support home-school links during the Year of the Word

### How to use

The Year of the Word 'Bible Bag' is a resource for schools to send home to families to enable them to share a Bible story and to reflect on what God's word means. Throughout the year schools are invited to celebrate, live and share God's word. The Bible Bag is a simple way to do this with your school community. Schools are encouraged to share this as widely as possible, taking into account the individual school setting.

The bags go to homes from the first week in Advent and throughout 2020. Families choose a bible story to read together. They can bookmark the page with a post-it note, perhaps saying what they enjoyed about the story or with a little illustration. Families may wish to take a photograph of their children sharing the resource. This can be returned to school for a display or photograph album.

### Suggested contents:

- The trifold leaflet explaining the resource.
- a holding cross
- a tealight and holder (or preferably a battery votive candle)
- a small cloth (a placemat is perfect)
- an age appropriate Bible, possibly the Lion Storyteller Bible, The Lion Children's Bible in 365 Stories, The Lion Children's Bible, The Good News Bible
- Post-it notes

Schools may wish to also include a notebook for families to write a simple family prayer in response to the Bible story they read.

