Ways of Connecting: A Prayer Sorting Activity

Learning objective: To understand that people pray in different ways and for different reasons, such as to give thanks, say sorry, or ask for help.

Read the following statements about prayer. Sort each statement into one of three categories: 'Giving Thanks', 'Saying Sorry', or 'Asking for Help'. Write the letter of the statement into the correct column in your table below.

Word bank: Thanksgiving · Confession · Supplication · Meditation · Gratitude

1. A) 'Thank you for the delicious meal I shared with my friends today.' (1 mark)

2. B) 'Please help me to be brave when I am feeling nervous about my math test.' (1 mark)

3. C) 'I am sorry for being unkind to my brother when we were playing in the garden.' (1 mark)

4. D) 'Thank you for the beautiful sunrise I saw while walking to school this morning.' (1 mark)

5. E) 'Please look after my friend who is feeling poorly today.' (1 mark)

6. F) 'I feel bad for forgetting to tidy my toys when I was asked to help.' (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a quiet place where someone might go to think or pray. Include things that make the place feel calm, like a candle, a plant, or a soft cushion.

Extension challenge: Max the monkey has been thinking about how prayer is a bit like a conversation. Write your own short prayer about something you are grateful for today.