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1 Snack idea	Biscuits, toast or Oranges for the children to eat.	
2 Craft or Game	<p>Craft:</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Game:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orange felt circles and felt tip pens – use the resources to make an orange they can keep. You could have two circles which can be stuffed and sewn around the edges. On at least one side write the word JOY. Stand in small groups and use an orange to play catch. The first time you don't catch it, go down on one knee, the 2nd time they miss, go down on two knees, if they miss a third time, they leave the circle.
3 Lighting the candle	Use the same words as the local school when lighting the candle.	 
4 Welcome	<p>Song:</p> <p>Prayer:</p>	<p>You could use 'welcome everybody' by Fischy music</p> <p>You could use this gathering prayer by Sam Hargreaves</p>  
5 Collect	Say: A collect is a gathering prayer	<p>The collect for the day can be found here: Join us in a service of Daily Prayer The Church of England, then select Morning Prayer and scroll to the end to find the collect.</p>   
6 Bible passage	Say: We are reading a story (that has been adapted) from the Bible today so that we can hear God's word and learn about Him.	<p>Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.</p> <p>+</p> <p>Psalm 32:11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy....</p> <p>Take two plastic cups. Get two volunteers to draw happy faces on them (with an orange felt). Light a T-Light (do a risk assessment). Place some water inside one cup, this represents God's Holy Spirit, his 'Joy' inside us. Leave the other cup empty. Hold the empty cup over the flame, as it starts to melt say that when things get tough in life we forget to be happy and joyful. However, when we are full of God's love, His Holy Spirit, even when things get tough (hold the cup with water over the flame) still helps us to be happy and joyful. (The cup will last for quite some time before it starts to melt- you may wish to experiment before you try this).</p>    
7 Biblical link	Why it matters	<p>Happiness and joy are very similar feelings, If I asked you to make a happy face what would you do? Now make a joyful face; it's hard to show a different feeling – maybe the smiles were bigger and brighter. God wants us to be joyful not just happy. So what's the difference? I really like X (the snack maybe) I was really happy when I remembered we were eating it today etc. however now it's all gone I don't really feel quite as happy anymore I enjoyed it, it was nice but now it's gone and the happiness has gone too. The joy that God wants us to have is lasting happiness. So even when things are tough or not going our way we are still joyful.</p>  

<p>8 Take away response</p>	<p>Say: How will you respond to the message we have heard from God today?</p>	<p>If you made the craft – suggest they hold it in their hands. Or give some orange felt circles, and encourage everyone to use these as a reminder that joy is deep in our hearts. Joy does not depend on what is happening to us – it stays in us no matter what! We can have joy because we know that God is in control, and He can use every situation for our good.</p>	 
<p>9 Prayer</p>	<p>Say: We say prayers to talk to God ...</p>	<p>Talk about things that you could do to help other people feel joyful. Thank You God for the gifts of Your Spirit, which help us to help others. Help us to develop the Spirit of Joy, so that we can bring Joy to others. Amen.</p>	  
<p>10 Song</p>	<p>Say: We sing songs to praise God and thank God</p>	<p>Fruit of the Spirit song by Bob Baxter - You Tube Give me Joy in my heart (sing hosanna) - author unknown I've got the Joy joy joy joy down in my heart - George W Cooke The Joy song - Cheeky Pandas - You Tube</p>	 
<p>11 The Lord's Prayer</p>	<p>Use the same version as the school.</p>	<p>Or ask people to pray using whichever version they know.</p>	  
<p>12 Blessing</p>	<p>Say: We are now to go out, empowered by Jesus' special presence with us, in communion with one another to share the Gospel with others.</p>	<p>May the love of God give us joy today and always. Amen.</p>	 

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