**Our Prayer Place for Ordinary Time**

**YOU WILL NEED:**

\* a small table

\* ***green*** fabric, Bible, bookstand, candle, cross and small gift box tied with ribbon, placed in a box or basket

*Invite children to sit reverently in a circle in the part of the classroom where you intend to set up a prayer place.
This is a liturgical story, so students can be invited to participate by placing the symbols and objects on the prayer place.*

*Begin by saying* **We are going to make a special prayer place. It is a place where we can be quiet with God. We can listen to God and talk with God. We’ll use some special symbols and objects to help us be with God at this time in the Church’s year.**

*Place table in the prayer place. Hold the green fabric.***At this time of the Church’s year we place green fabric on the table. Green is seen everywhere. It is a rich colour of life, growth and hope and is used by the Church during the season of Ordinary Time.***Cover the table with a green fabric.*

*Hold the Bible up for all children to see. Be conscious of handling the Bible in a reverent manner.*

**This is our class Bible. At this time in the Church’s year we remember and tell the stories about what Jesus said and did during his life on earth. We’ll continue to do this until the beginning of the next season, Lent.**

*Place the Bible on the bookstand.*

*Take out the candle and show to children.*

**The candle reminds us that Jesus is always with us. We’ll light the candle each time we pray or when we’re listening to the stories from the Bible.**

*Place the candle on the prayer place.*

*Hold the cross.*

**This is our class cross. The cross is a symbol of Jesus, and of our Christian faith and hope.**

*Place the cross on the prayer place.*

*Hold the gift box.*

**During the next few weeks we’re going to explore together God’s great gift of love for us all.**

*Untie ribbon and take off the lid (you may rather do the following as part of Unit Content 2)*

**God created us out of love and calls us to share that love with others.***Place the gift box on the prayer place.*

**Other symbols appropriate to Unit 3.1 can also be added.**

**This is our prayer place for Ordinary Time.**

*Point to the symbols and objects as you name them again:*

**It has green fabric, a Bible, a candle, a cross and a gift box.**

*You could finish this story with an appropriate prayer or blessing.*