Worship and reflection ideas for the classroom

This seminar will offer ideas about activities to help children be reflective in both RE and in the School Assembly.
What five artefacts / objects would you choose to be in your worship box for

Christianity
Judaism
Hinduism
Sikhism
Starter: blank out the word worship
Tell pupils that the artist has forgotten to put a title on his work.
What do you think it might be

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Paired activity: talk about and respond to the questions and activities shown
How do we convey that worship is

Outward

And

Inward
Can a classroom become a sacred space?
Experiential learning.....
Opportunity for reflection....

Learning from Easter

Moving beyond practices to encourage pupils to reflect on important concepts about Easter
Labyrinth

forgiveness

suffering

hope
Learning outside the classroom

Stations for reflection
Learning about
Learning from
Christmas through the keyhole
http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/resources/item/big_questions

http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/resources/item/fizzy_forgiveness1
Story bags

Pass around a bag containing a number of artefacts, objects and images related to a story or event. In pairs or small groups pupils take out an object and ask 5 questions about it beginning with Who, What, Where, Why, When.

After exploring the story:

Next steps?
What memories might these images objects and artefacts provoke for a member of faith? What difference do they make?

I wonder....
Reflection and questioning

Class worship
Engaging and responding

There is something quite remarkable about the presence of a child that serves to activate our spiritual nature – our capacity for wonder, compassion, communion and hope.
Tobin Hart, The Secret Spiritual World of Children

Olivia Seymour
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Creative storytelling boxes

Only suitable for lower primary? Perhaps not.....

Making a story box

What are the most important parts of the story?
What can be left out and what cannot?
What are the important questions to ask about the story?
How would you tell the story?
Out of the box…. Thinking, listening, reflecting

Reflecting on the meaning behind symbol
Looking at the big picture....

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