Date: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 Value: Hope Leader: JWS

Key message that the children need to take away

Values: Hope Theme:

Holding firm – We have hope because Jesus is the anchor of our soul

## Gathering

Music on entry. Children enter quietly

Class children to bring up to the worship table and say together: Bible – God the Father Cross – God the Son Candle – God the Holy Spirit

Candle is lit on the worship table All: Come to us Father, as we gather here today;

Be with us Jesus, in our worship

Stay with us Holy Spirit, now and always, Amen.

Image on display as children enter: Use You tube sounds of a storm:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4C4keiF0tQ

Display Powerpoint of stormy weather.

## Engaging

- 1. What type of weather did we see in each of the photos. Stormy weather.
- 2. What are the effects of a storm on a boat?
- 3. Look at the different pictures of anchors.







4. What is the function of an anchor (to hold a boat safe and steady - A boat or a great big ship uses it's anchor to secure the boat so that the waves and the seas do not destroy it.)

## Responding 5. What does it mean when people say that they are going through a stormy patch? Can they think of a time when life has become stormy or difficult for them. What provided them with security? 6. Our Anchor is Jesus. When we believe in Jesus our souls are connected to God through Him. Even though we may have hard things in life (rough seas) Jesus has a firm hold on us. Children to sit quietly and think about the people who have provided them with security. Children to quietly give thanks for those people. **Prayer** Dear God You are the source of all hope and we know our hope is in you. Teach us this week to anchor our hope in Jesus. Help us to persevere with you when we feel like giving up. Amen Sending Sending out prayer at the extinguishing of the candle Out Pupil: Known by Jesus and loved by Jesus, we go on our way, All: Carrying his love inside us through the day. Amen **SHILL**: Pupil/Leader: For the body is not one member but many. All: So today we will grow together and learn together. Praise Him CD 2 No 1 (40) Hymn EACH CLASS TO VISIT THE PRAYER SPACE OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE WINDOW Class follow-up Look at the questions: What makes you feel safe and secure? Where do you set your anchor? Remind the children that this is a prayer space that they can come and use to be quiet and reflect and be close to Jesus. Tell children that they can use this area to go to if they are feeling like they are going through a stormy patch and need to talk to someone. Children can hold the shells from the display if it helps. Use the picture of the anchor (below) and children write the names of people/things that have provided them with security when they have been through a stormy patch.

