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Schools often link this theme with Endurance although the two are slightly different.

1 Snack idea	Biscuits, toast or Fox's Sports biscuits		
2 Craft or Game	Craft Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use circles of card to sandwich together lengths of ribbon to make medals. Waft blown balloons around a short obstacle course. Tiddly winks - get 3 into a pot. 	
3 Lighting the candle	Use the same words as the school when lighting the candle.		 
4 Welcome	Song: Prayer:	You could use ' welcome everybody ' by Fischy music You could use this gathering prayer by Sam Hargreaves	 
5 Collect	Say: A collect is a gathering prayer	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.	  
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>Hebrews 12:1-2 let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus.</p> <p>Ideas to re-tell the story:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the effects of lockdown during Covid-19 pandemic. For some people they had a lovely time, staying in with no worries or cares where as some people had to endure hardship over which they had no control. Drama script may need changing for your context: www.allageworshipresources.org-The Race.pdf PowerPoint: There are 65 slides to view here so you may wish to trim! Video presentations: Kevin Sinfield carries Rob Burrows over the finishing line of fundraising race watch here Olympian injured but determined to finish the race watch here Saddleback Kids - The Faithful Hall of Fame watch here Assembly style idea: SPCK assembly on perseverance based on a robin link here 	         
7 Biblical link	Why it matters	<p>Have you heard the saying 'it's not about winning, but taking part'? Medals are often only presented to the winners of races, in the Olympics only the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places get a medal. Today you all had the chance to make a medal, what is it do you think that you are best at, what would you be presented a medal for? If you don't know ask your grown-ups because they will certainly know. We are all involved in the life we are living right here, right now. We don't know how long this might be and as Christians, Jesus asks us to keep our eyes on him during our lives. Now that is easy when all is well and the sun is shining but harder when life becomes tricky, when we have to cope with things that we don't want to, or when things in our lives are hard or complicated.</p> <p>Perseverance means keeping going even when it's tough, but when it is tough, remember that we are loved by Jesus and He will help us.</p>	 

<p>8 Take away response</p>	<p>Say: How will you respond to the message we have heard from God today?</p>	<p>What tough things are there in your life right now? Spend a moment thinking about the tough things, maybe its illness, spellings, or some homework yet to be done or a friendship that has broken. Then as I count down from 10 to zero give these troubles to God and join in with me by shouting out ZERO. Next time you have something tough going on, chat about it with God.</p>	 
<p>9 Prayer</p>	<p>Say: We say prayers to talk to God ...</p>	<p>Print a simple maze onto paper. Work your way through the maze, the twists, turns and dead ends and find a path to the end. What are the twists and turns that they are struggling with in life right now – pray about those as you travel through your maze. Heavenly Father, We thank you that you teach us not to give up but to keep going even when we find things difficult. Thank you that you never give up on us. We ask that you help us each day so that we will be able to do our absolute best in every way. Amen.</p>	 
<p>10 Song</p>	<p>Say: We sing songs to praise God and thank God</p>	<p>Our God – Chris Tomlin Oceans – Taya Smith What a friend we have in Jesus</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.</p>	<p>The Lord bless us and keep us, make His face shine upon us, and be gracious to us. The Lord turn His face toward us and give us peace, now and forever more. Amen.</p>	  

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