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## Setting Sacred Space

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Say: *Let's set Sacred Space.* Take out each item, one at a time.

*The church has seasons, just like the calendar year. In the church, after the holy day of Pentecost (usually in late May or early June), our season is Ordinary Time, and we put out **green cloth** to represent this season. We are in Ordinary Time right now—all the way until around Thanksgiving! Can you name some green things? Most of the things that you named are things that grow—that's why we use green to represent this time where we grow closer to Jesus and learn more about his life.*

Put out the globe/earth. This **earth** represents Creator God. God created the world and everything in it. Can you name something that God created?

Put out the cross. The **cross** reminds us of Jesus. It is where he died for our sin before being resurrected (restored to life)!

Put out the bell. Ring the bell. Do you hear that? (yes) Can you see the sound? (no) The **bell** reminds us of the Holy Spirit. We can't always see the Holy Spirit, but we can always feel its presence—just like with this bell. We can't see the sound, but we know it's there because we hear it.

Put out the basket. This **basket** reminds us to give our time, talent, & treasure to God. God gives us time—a whole life of time to do things for God. God gives each person special gifts and abilities called talents to use for God's glory. God gives us treasure (money & resources) to take care of the church, each other, & the world. We say thank you to God for these things by giving back our time, talent, & treasure to God.

Put out the candle. This **candle** reminds us that Jesus is the Light of World. It reminds us to be like Jesus, to be light in dark places. Being light means loving God and loving others, especially those around you do not love God and love others. How will you be a light to the world today?

Add your Bible. **The Holy Bible** is a collection of books that are God's sacred stories for us. Let's look inside it. At this point, you can invite your child to think of a story, or you can choose one together.

Pray: *Loving God, we thank you for this sacred space and this sacred time. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.*