

Children's Liturgy of the Word

- **Fill out name tags for children to wear**
- **Welcome children & introduce leaders**
- **Light the Prayer Candle and ask "Why do we do this?" (A: Jesus is the Light of the World - He is in our hearts.)**
- **Read the Opening Prayer from the Leader's Guide**
- **Read the First Reading from the big red Children's Lectionary rather than from the Leader's Guide as this shows children we are reading from the Bible. (You can also just place the guide book inside the Lectionary to read from.)**
- **Invite students to sing the Responsorial Psalm with you. (Read words from the poster together first.) Play accompanying music from the CD.**
- **Invite students to sing the Gospel Acclamation with you. (Read words together first & play music from the CD.)**

***Prior to reading the Gospel - invite children to look at the picture on the poster and think about what the reading will be about.**

- **Model how to make the sign of the cross on your forehead, lips, and heart...saying 'Jesus be in my mind, upon my lips, & in my heart.'**

- **All stand to listen to the Gospel from the Lectionary**
- **Reflect on the Gospel/First Reading using Guide questions and your own ideas. (The goal is to have students retell the story and make connections to their own lives.)**
- **Invite children to stand for the Profession of Faith. Use the big song poster and sing the song using simple actions.**
- **Read one question from each paragraph on the Creed sheet, responding "Yes, we believe."**
- **Repeat the Profession of Faith Song**
- **Form a circle to share the Prayers of the Faithful/special intentions**
- **Ask students for any offertory envelopes/money**
- **Quietly return to Church**

***Please remember that children should return at the very beginning of the Offertory collection - when the song first begins - even if you are not finished with all of the closing activities. Father has stressed that children returning during the Offertory Procession can be disruptive to this special part of the mass.**

When the usher comes down, you have about 2 minutes to return to the Church. (If you are unsure of the timing, send your assistant upstairs to check.)