

Children's Liturgy of the Word

- 1) **Come early to get the Children's Lectionary from the Sacristy. Get the cross from the chapel and place it in the stand next to the lectern. This lets Father know you are present and helps him to remember to call the children forward.**
- 2) Father says "Let us pray", says a short prayer, and everyone sits down. This is your cue to stand up and go forward. (It is right before the 1st reading.) It is helpful to sit up front so you can get out of the pew in a timely manner.
- 3) Allow the children to gather in front of you as Father sends them forth. Then, hold the book above & in front of you to lead the children into the chapel.
- 4) Have the children sit down and read the 1st reading. [At the end say: "*The Word of the Lord*; Response: "*Thanks be to God*"]
- 5) Discuss the reading, using the guide that you have received.
- 6) Do the Responsorial Psalm. Recite the psalm, unless you are comfortable singing it.
- 7) Ask the children to stand up for the Alleluia. You may either sing or recite.
- 8) Read the Gospel. [At the beginning say: "*The Gospel according to _____*"
Response: "*Glory to you, Oh Lord*"; At the end say: "*The Gospel of the Lord*"
Response: "*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*"]
- 9) Have everyone sit down for the discussion of the Gospel.
- 10) Recite the Apostle's Creed with the children. Found in the *Glory and Praise* Mass Book number 14 B.
- 11) Do Petitions (Prayer intentions). Include some that go with the Reading/Gospel. If time allows, let them add their own intentions [Say: "*Let us pray to the Lord*"
Respond: "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"]
- 12) Listen for the congregation reciting the creed and petitions as they are standing. When the congregation is seated, conclude quickly to let them out (Or ask someone to let you know when the congregation is saying the Creed.)
- 13) Remind the children to quietly return to their seats during the collection.