

Leading Journey with Jesus



Dismissing the Children from Mass:

Fr. Tim will call the children forward at the beginning of Mass

- Stand to the side as Fr. Tim addresses the kids, sharing about the Gospel story they will soon hear
- When he is finished, ask a child to lead the procession from church.
- Follow the procession out, looking for kids who may be hesitant and welcome them to join in

Gather for God's Word

WELCOME:

Gather in room for *Journey with Jesus*. Ask kids to find a place to sit (criss/cross applesauce)

- ***"Good morning/evening my name is _____, Welcome to our time to Journey with Jesus!"***
- Light Candles, ***"the candles remind us that Jesus, the light of the world, is with us as we pray."***
- ***"Let's bow our heads and fold our hands in prayer"*** (wait for silence) (slowly read the following:)

"Jesus, be with us as we listen to your stories and hear your words today.

Send your Holy Spirit to help us understand so we can follow you better.

May we bring your message to others, in what we say and do.

For you live and reign with God the Father,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

PRAY THE PSALM:

To prepare: 1) look ahead to the Psalm & Gospel at www.pflaum.com/readings (do not do 1st & 2nd readings)

Invite a child (or children) to lead the Psalm

- ***"Today's Psalm is _____"*** (it will be written on board)
- Invite kids to repeat the response. (You can choose to sing it)
- ***"Let us pray, using words from the Bible, that Jesus prayed when he was a boy."***
- Child(ren) or adult leader leads Psalm, pausing for the responsorial psalm. (thank them for leading)

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL:

Introduce Gospel with joy & excitement: ***"Let us stand and listen to Jesus speak to us today."***

- After they stand: ***"Join me in singing Alleluia to Jesus"*** (sing a simple Alleluia)
- ***"Today Jesus' words are from the Holy Gospel of _____"*** (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John)
- Kids respond: ***"Glory to you O Lord."***
- ***"Join me in saying: Jesus, may your words be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart."***
(model marking your forehead, lips and heart with the sign of the cross to prepare us to think about God's holy word, to speak his word through our work, and carry his word in our hearts.)
- Proclaim The Gospel reading—using the red book, [Lectionary for Masses with Children](#)
- (When finished proclaiming Gospel) ***"The Gospel of the Lord."*** Kids respond: ***"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."***

REFLECTION & GOSPEL SKIT

To prepare: 1) www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm 2) Click on Sunday date 3) Grades 1-3
(The Loyola's Gospel Connection for Grades 1-3, items needed for suggested activities and the skit handouts will be in the Journey With Jesus room, however we ask you to read through it in advance)

Ask them to be seated, pass out parts for skit. (provided in a folder labeled with Sunday's date)
(If you do not have enough kids present to read the skit—you can skip the skit and re-read the homily in its place...)

- Introduce skit with opening thoughts from Loyola Sunday Connections for Grades 1-3
- ***“Let’s listen again to Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel, this time through a skit.”***
- Children read through the lines of the script.
- ***“Let’s thank our actors”***
- Continue the discussion with the Loyola Sunday Connections for Grades 1-3

RECITE THE CREED

Two Children hold up Apostles’ Creed poster, say:

“let us stand and tell the world what we believe about God our Father who made us, Jesus who saves us and the Holy Spirit who is our helper and friend.”

Pray Creed together. Following the Amen:

“Let’s sit, with hands folded, asking God to hear the prayers in our hearts today.”

SHARE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (the petitions)

When everyone is seated:

“God who loves us, listens to our prayers.

As we share our prayers, please respond, “Lord, Hear Our Prayer.”

Read petitions in the book.

Then ask kids to offer prayers (for themselves, family, friends, school, world...)

When finished:

“Loving God, look on us with kindness, thank you for listening to our prayers, answer them according to your will. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

Blow out candles, walk with children back to the gathering space, enter when Altar Server comes back with the Processional Cross. All kids will follow the Cross down the aisle—and then return to their pews.