Journey With Jesus

Children's Liturgy of the WORD

PROCESSION & DISMISSAL

Get Red Lectionary Book before Mass
Wait in the back of church for Entrance Song
Walk in the processional, sit in front pew

Fr. Tim will call children forward after opening prayer

- Stand to the side as Fr. Tim addresses the kids: He will share about the Gospel and give the children a question to answer.
- When he is finished, hand a child the lectionary, ask her/him to hold it up and to lead the procession from church.
- As you follow the procession out, look for kids who may be hesitant and welcome them to join in.
- ***REMIND USHER: As soon as the homily is over, come to the parish hall LOWER LEVEL to get us.***

WELCOME

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

"Good morning my name is _____,
Welcome to our time to Journey with Jesus!"

"Let's gather in a circle."

"Let's bow our heads & fold our hands in Prayer." wait for silence, then slowly read:

"Jesus, be with us as we listen to your stories
and as pray with you this morning.
Send your Holy Spirit to help us understand
so we can follow you better.
May we bring your light and love to others,
By 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

WRITE PSALM ON CHALKBOARD (from Lectionary book)

Invite two children to read the Responsorial Psalm.

"Let's practice the Psalm together."

"Now Let's pray the Psalm together.
Remember, these words come from the Bible.
Jesus prayed these same prayers
when he was a boy."

Adult reads the Psalm (or a child who can read).

Children say the response together.

Thank them for helping.

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

LIGHT CANDLES:
"The candles remind us Jesus is the light of the world. They are a sign that he is with us now."

Introduce Gospel with joy & excitement:
"Let's spread ourselves out,
to make room for Jesus to enter our hearts."

"Respond: Alleluia
Jesus, we praise your for your words: Alleluia
Your words give joy to our hearts: 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 help us **think** about God's holy word, to **speak** his word and **carry** his word in our hearts.)

Proclaim The Gospel reading—using the red book, Lectionary for Masses with Children

When finished: "***The Gospel of the Lord."***
Kids respond: ***"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."***

Invite 2 Children to blow out candles.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

To prepare:

1) **www.solonstmary.org**
   Next GEN tab; then Journey with Jesus

2) **www.loyolapress.com**
   Scroll to Sunday Collection; Grades 1-3; Choose your Sunday

3) **Use the space below to make notes for discussion/activity. Remember to answer the question Fr. Tim asked earlier**
   Some activities involve props/materials;
   if you need assistance email Megan.

"Let's gather in a circle to learn more about what Jesus said to us today."

RECITE THE CREED

Two Children hold up Apostles' Creed poster

"Let's 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."

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."

For peace in our homes, school and world:
we pray to the Lord…
For those who are sad or sick, may they find comfort in God's love: we pray to the Lord…
May we always be helpful to our family and friends: we pray to the Lord…
Let's pray for the needs of others. Who should we pray for today? (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. Amen"

Walk with children back to the gathering space.
Enter when Altar Server comes back with Processional Cross.
Return red Lectionary Book to table in back of church.

All kids will follow the Cross in the offertory procession—
Fr. Tim will talk to them, ask them the question, bless them and then tell them to return to their pews.