

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday Format

- **Welcome the children to CLOW**
- **One Catechist should count the number of children attending CLOW and write the number next to the word ATTENDANCE on the dry erase board. Involving the children can become a distraction**
- **Slowly and reverently model the *Sign of the Cross***
- **Let us tell Jesus *I am sorry* for the times we were not loving**
- **Song: Dear Lord Jesus, Hear Our Prayers – you may sing or read (Sing to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)**

Dear Lord Jesus, hear our prayer,
as we bring to you our cares.
Please forgive us any wrongs,
as we sing our sorry song.
Help us to be kind each day
in our thoughts and all we say. Amen
- **Light the candle and announce: “Jesus is the Light of the World”**

Jesus' light and love grows stronger in our hearts each time we hear the Word of God
- **Read the weekly centering prayer on the CLOW resource sheet:**
- **Introduce the 1st Reading: *This is a reading from* _____**

Reader ends with: *The Word of the Lord*
Student response: *Thanks be to God*
- **Responsorial Psalm (Children's Lectionary)**

Response written on the dry-erase board for students
- **Gospel Acclamation (Children's Lectionary)**

Ask the children to stand.
Read or sing the alleluia, read the acclamation, and repeat the alleluia
- **Gospel introduction:**

This is a reading from the Gospel of _____
Student response: *Glory to you O, Lord*
Model slowly and reverently a cross on your forehead, lips and heart
- **Gospel Reading (Children's Lectionary)**

End with: *The Gospel of the Lord*
Student response: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*
- **Ask 3-4 Gospel reflection questions**

Remind the children to raise a quiet hand and talk one at a time, if needed
- **All Recite: Profession of Faith (wall poster)**

- **Prayer of the Faithful**

The Catechist reads the prayers from the CLOW resource sheet

The student response is written on the dry-erase board

Children are invited to add their own prayers

The Catechist ends with a closing prayer

- **Dismissal back to Church**

Form two lines inside the CLOW room – two short lines help the children walk quietly

Remind the children that we walk quietly back to church

Children walk up to the sanctuary during the collection to place their money/envelope in the bucket