

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – CYCLE A

## VOLUNTEER OVERVIEW



## GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

### WEEKLY FLOW OUTLINE

#### 1. Before You Meet With the Children

Read the Scripture readings (see below), especially the Gospel.

Readings also found at: <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

#### 2. Invite the Holy Spirit

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your words and actions.

#### 3. Welcome the Children

Begin with a warm welcome and the Sign of the Cross.

#### 4. Proclaim the Gospel - Read out loud directly from Scripture.

#### 5. Reflection Questions (sample questions provided but follow the Spirit!)

Encourage children to participate but never require a child to speak.

#### 6. Send Forth

Close with prayer and return to Mass reverently.

### REMINDER

God works through your kindness, patience, and presence.

Trust that the Holy Spirit is at work—even in moments of silence.

"Let the children come to me." (Matthew 19:14)

### THANK YOU

Your presence helps our parish children encounter Jesus in a way that is prayerful, welcoming, and suited to their age. You are not expected to have all the answers. Your role is simply to help the children listen to the Gospel and reflect on how it connects to their lives. Children's Liturgy of the Word is an invitation—an opportunity for children to feel safe, seen, and loved by God and by the Church.



# Children's Liturgy of the Word – Cycle A



## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Scripture

- First Reading:  
Isaiah 49:3, 5–6
- Gospel:  
John 1:29–34

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away sin.



### Reflection Questions

**Personal:** If Jesus takes away sin, what should we do when we mess up?

**Relational:** John the Baptist pointed people to Jesus. Who helps point YOU to Jesus—at home, at school, or at church?

**Mission:** How can you “point to Jesus” with your life?

### Catechist Note

Keep it simple: when we make mistakes, Jesus doesn't push us away—He invites us back through forgiveness.

### Sending Forth Prayer

Jesus, Lamb of God, thank You for loving us and forgiving us. Help us make good choices, and help our words and actions point others to You this week. Amen.



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 49:3, 5–6

The LORD said to me,  
“Israel, you are my servant,  
and because of you I will be highly honored.”

Even before I was born,  
the LORD chose me to serve him  
and to bring back the people of Israel.  
The LORD God has honored me and made me strong.

Now the LORD says to me,  
“It isn’t enough for you to be merely my servant.  
You must do more than lead back  
those from the tribes of Israel who have survived.  
I have placed you here as a light for the Gentiles.  
You are to take my saving power everywhere on earth.”

The word of the Lord.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40:2 and 4ab, 8 and 11 (8a and 9a)

R. Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will.

I patiently waited, LORD,  
for you to hear my prayer.  
You listened  
and you gave me a new song,  
a song of praise to you.

R. Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will.

“I enjoy pleasing you.  
Your Law is in my heart.”  
You, LORD, never fail  
to have pity on me;  
your love and faithfulness  
always keep me secure.

R. Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ALLELUIA

John 1:14a, 12a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word of God became flesh  
and dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

John 1:29–34

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said:

“Here is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world!  
He is the one I told you about when I said,

‘Someone else will come.

He is greater than I am,  
because he was alive before I was born.’

“I didn’t know who he was.

But I came to baptize you with water,  
so that everyone in Israel would see him.

“I was there and saw the Spirit come down on him  
like a dove from heaven.

And the Spirit stayed on him.

Before this I didn’t know who he was.

But the one who sent me to baptize with water had told me, ‘You will see the  
Spirit come down and stay on someone. Then you will know that he is the one  
who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

“I saw this happen,  
and I tell you that he is the Son of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.