

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, especially the Gospel. Readings can be 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

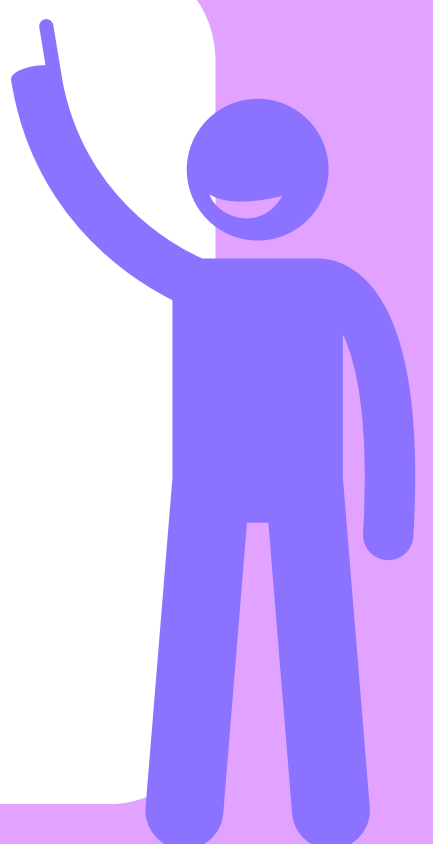
God works through your kindness, patience, and presence.

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.



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1st Sunday of Advent - *Be Ready for Jesus*

Scripture

- First Reading:
Isaiah 2:1–5
- Gospel:
Matthew 24:37–44

Jesus invites us to stay awake and be ready for Him.



Reflection Questions

Personal: What things distract you from listening to Jesus at home or at school?

Relational: If you have argued with a parent, sibling, or friend, how is Jesus asking you to respond?

Mission: What is one way you can prepare your heart for Jesus this week?

Catechist Note

Help focus children on readiness and loving choices rather than fear.

Sending Forth Prayer

Jesus, help us be ready to love You every day. Amen.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 2:1–5

This is the vision that Isaiah son of Amoz had about Judah and Jerusalem:

In the future the mountain with the LORD's temple
will be the highest of all.
It will reach above the hills,
and every nation will rush to it.
Many people will come and say,
“Let's go to the mountain of the LORD God of Jacob
and worship in his temple.”

The LORD will teach us his Law from Jerusalem.
He will settle the arguments of nations and of people.
They will pound their swords and their spears
into garden tools.
And they will never make war or attack other nations.

People of Israel, let's live by the light of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122:1–2, 8–9

R. Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord.

It made me glad to hear them say,
“Let’s go to the house of the LORD!”
Jerusalem, we are standing
inside your gates.

R. Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord.

Because of my friends
and my relatives,
I will pray for peace.
And because of the house
of the LORD our God,
I will work for your good.

R. Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 13:11–13a

Brothers and sisters:

You know what sort of times we live in,
and so you should live properly.

It is time to wake up.

You know that the day when we will be saved
is nearer now than when we first put our faith in the Lord.

Night is almost over, and day will soon appear.

We must stop behaving as people do in the dark
and be ready to live in the light.

So behave properly, as people do in the day.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Psalm 85:8

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 24:37–44

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man appears,
things will be just as they were when Noah lived.
People were eating, drinking, and getting married
right up to the day that the flood came
and Noah went into the big boat.
They didn’t know anything was happening
until the flood came and swept them all away.
That is how it will be when the Son of Man appears.

“Two men will be in the same field,
but only one will be taken.
The other will be left.
Two women will be together grinding grain,
but only one will be taken.
The other will be left.

“So be on your guard!
You don’t know when your Lord will come.
Homeowners never know when a thief is coming,
and they are always on guard to keep one from breaking in.
Always be ready!
You don’t know when the Son of Man will come.”

The gospel of the Lord.