

# 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

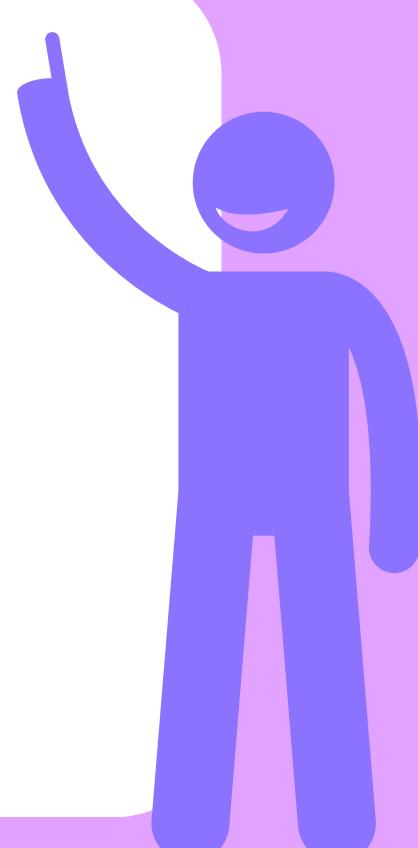
God works through your kindness, patience, and presence.

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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## 4th Sunday of Advent – God Is With Us

### Scripture

- First Reading:  
Isaiah 7:10–14
- Gospel:  
Matthew 1:18–24

God is with us even when we are afraid.

### Reflection Questions

**Personal:** When have you felt scared like Joseph?

**Relational:** Who helps you feel safe?

**Mission:** How can you trust God this week?

### Catechist Note

God's presence brings peace.

### Sending Forth Prayer

God, thank You for being with us always. Amen.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 1:1–4

Brothers and sisters:

Long ago God promised the good news  
by what his prophets said in the holy Scriptures.  
This good news is about his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ!  
As a human, he was from the family of David.  
But the Holy Spirit proved that Jesus  
is the powerful Son of God,  
because he was raised from death.

The word of the Lord.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:1–2, 3–4ab, (7c and 10b)

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The earth and everything on it  
belong to the LORD.

The world and its people  
belong to him.

The LORD placed it all  
on the oceans and rivers.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Who may climb the LORD's hill  
or stand in his holy temple?

Only those who do right  
for the right reasons,  
and don't worship idols.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ALLELUIA

Matthew 1:23

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel:  
God is with us.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 1:18–24

This is how Jesus Christ was born.  
A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph  
from King David's family.  
But before they were married,  
she learned that she was going to have a baby  
by God's Holy Spirit.

Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary  
in front of everyone.  
So he decided to quietly call off the wedding.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

While Joseph was thinking about this,  
an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream.  
The angel said, “Joseph, the baby that Mary will have  
is from the Holy Spirit.  
Go ahead and marry her.  
Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus,  
because he will save his people from their sins.”

So God’s promise came true, just as the prophet had said,

“A virgin will have a baby boy,  
and he will be called Immanuel,”  
which means “God is with us.”

After Joseph woke up, he and Mary were soon married,  
just as the Lord’s angel had told him to do.

The gospel of the Lord.