

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.

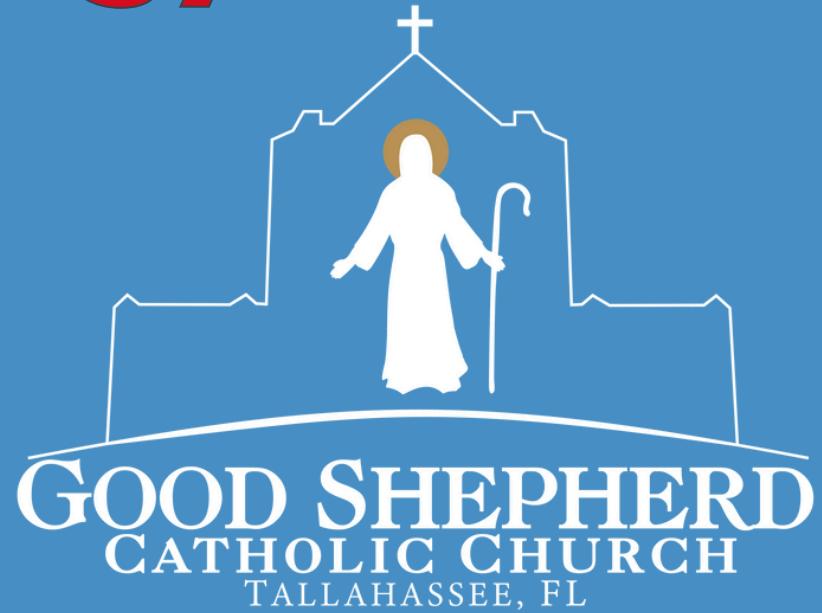
"Let the children come to me." (Matthew 19:14)

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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word – Cycle A



Epiphany - The Magi Follow the Star

Scripture

- First Reading:
Isaiah 60:1–6
- Gospel:
Matthew 2:1–12

**Jesus is for everyone,
and we follow Him
with joy.**



Reflection Questions

Personal: What helps guide you toward Jesus?

Relational: What does it feel like to give something special to someone you love?

Mission: How can you follow Jesus even when it takes effort or sacrifice?

Catechist Note

**Emphasize
seeking Jesus
and offering
our best.**

Sending Forth Prayer

**Jesus, help us
follow You with
joy. Amen.**



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 60:1–6

Jerusalem, stand up and shine!
Your new day is dawning.
And the glory of the LORD shines brightly on you.
The earth and its people are covered with darkness,
but the glory of the LORD is shining over you.
Nations and kings will come to the light of your dawning day.

Open your eyes and look around!
Crowds are on their way.
Your sons are coming from distant lands,
and your daughters are being carried like young children.
When you see this, your faces will glow.
Your hearts will beat fast and swell with pride.

Treasures from over the sea
and the wealth of nations will be brought to you.
Your country will be covered with caravans of young camels
from Midian and Ephah.
And the people of Sheba will bring gold and spices
in praise of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1–2, 10bc–11 (see 11)

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Please help the king
to be honest and fair
just like you, our God.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Let him be honest and fair
with all your people,
especially the poor.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Force the rulers of Tarshish
and of the islands
to pay taxes to him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Make the kings of Sheba
and of Seba bring gifts.
Make other rulers bow down
and all nations serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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ALLELUIA

Matthew 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have seen his star in the east
and have come to adore the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 2:1–12

When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea,
Herod was king.

During this time some wise men from the east
came to Jerusalem and said,
“Where is the child born to be king of the Jews?
We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard about this, he was worried,
and so was everyone else in Jerusalem.
Herod brought together all the chief priests
and the teachers of the Law of Moses and asked them,
“Where will the Messiah be born?”
They told him,
“He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the prophet wrote,

‘Bethlehem in the land of Judea,
you are very important among the towns of Judea.
From your town will come a leader,
who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.’ ”

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Herod secretly called in the wise men
and asked them when they had first seen the star.
He told them, “Go to Bethlehem
and search carefully for the child.
As soon as you find him, let me know.
I want to go and worship him too.”

The wise men listened to what the king said and then left.
And the star they had seen in the east
went on ahead of them
until it stopped over the place where the child was.
They were thrilled and excited to see the star.

When the men went into the house
and saw the child with Mary, his mother,
they kneeled down and worshiped him.
They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh
and gave them to him.
Later they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
and they went back home by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.