

# 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.

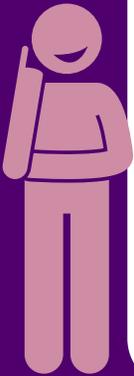
##### 4. Proclaim the Gospel - Read out loud directly from Scripture.

##### 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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - The Transfiguration

### Scripture

- First Reading: Genesis 12:1–4a
- Gospel: Matthew 17:1–9

Theme: Jesus shows His glory and asks us to listen to Him.



### Reflection Questions

**Personal:** When/where do you feel closest to God?

**Relational:** How can listening better help your relationships?

**Mission:** How can you listen to Jesus more carefully this week?

### Catechist Note

Emphasize:  
God says, “Listen to Him.”

What are ways we can listen to Jesus?

### Sending Forth Prayer

Jesus, help us listen to You and follow You. Amen.



# Daily Readings

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## Second Sunday of Lent

Lectionary: 25

### Reading 1

Genesis 12:1-4a

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The LORD said to Abram:

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk  
and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.

“I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you  
and curse those who curse you.

All the communities of the earth  
shall find blessing in you.”

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.

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**R. (22) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,

upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.

May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

## Reading 2

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel  
with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life,  
not according to our works  
but according to his own design  
and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began,  
but now made manifest  
through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus,  
who destroyed death and brought life and immortality  
to light through the gospel.

## Verse Before the Gospel

Matthew 17:5

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

## Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,  
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun  
and his clothes became white as light.  
And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them,  
conversing with him.  
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,  
“Lord, it is good that we are here.  
If you wish, I will make three tents here,  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”  
While he was still speaking, behold,  
a bright cloud cast a shadow over them,  
then from the cloud came a voice that said,  
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.”  
When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate  
and were very much afraid.  
But Jesus came and touched them, saying,  
“Rise, and do not be afraid.”  
And when the disciples raised their eyes,  
they saw no one else but Jesus alone.  
As they were coming down from the mountain,  
Jesus charged them,  
“Do not tell the vision to anyone  
until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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