

# Children's Liturgy of the Word

- 1) Come early to get the Children's Lectionary from the Sacristy. **Let Father know that you are here, otherwise he may not call forward the children.**
- 2) Father says "Let us pray", says a short prayer, and everyone sits down. This is your cue to stand up and go forward. (It is right before the 1<sup>st</sup> reading.) It is helpful to sit up front so you can get out of the pew in a timely manner.
- 3) Allow the children to gather in front of you as Father sends them forth. Then, hold the book above & in front of you to lead the children into the chapel.
- 4) Have the children sit down and read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. [At the end say: "*The Word of the Lord*"; Response: "*Thanks be to God*"]
- 5) Discuss the reading, using the guide that you have received.
- 6) Do the Responsorial Psalm. Recite the psalm, unless you are comfortable singing it.
- 7) Ask the children to stand up for the Alleluia. You may either sing or recite.
- 8) Read the Gospel. [At the beginning say: "*The Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_*"  
Response: "*Glory to you, Lord*"; At the end say: "*The Gospel of the Lord*"  
Response: "*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*"]
- 9) Have everyone sit down for the discussion of the Gospel.
- 10) Recite the Nicene Creed with the children. Found in the *Glory and Praise* Mass Book number 14.
- 11) Do Petitions (Prayer intentions). Include some that go with the Reading/Gospel. If time allows, let them add their own intentions [Say: "*Let us pray to the Lord*"  
Respond: "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"]
- 12) Listen for the offertory part of the Mass. (Or ask someone to let you know when the congregation is doing the petitions.)
- 13) Remind the children to quietly return to their seats during the collection.