

Children's Liturgy Basic Class Outline

1. **SING WELCOME SONG** (on poster; sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star").
*Welcome, Welcome everyone. We're glad you're here, let's have some fun.
Songs and stories, games and play, help us learn to live God's way.
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2. **MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS**
3. **RECITE THE "DEAR GOD" PRAYER** (on poster)
"Dear God. Help our lips to praise you; help our hands to serve you; help our hearts to love you. Amen."
4. **POINT OUT PRAYER TABLE**
The table represents our church altar, and the color of the cloth reflects the season we are in or if there is a special holy day; the candle represents Jesus, our light; and the Bible contains stories of Jesus, etc.
5. **POINT OUT CHILDREN'S BIBLE or OPEN TO TODAY'S READING**
Explain to children that our story comes from the Bible, but we are reading it from our book to make it easier for them to understand.
6. **BEFORE READING THE BIBLE STORY, WE MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS ON OUR FOREHEADS, ON OUR LIPS, AND ON OUR HEARTS.**
Jesus, be in our mind; Jesus, be on our lips; and Jesus, be in our hearts.
7. **READ BIBLE STORY AND DISCUSS** (This comes from the Catechist Guide and is found under the heading of "Gospel Story" in your week's lesson plan.)
8. **ACTIVITY** (Select from the optional activities listed in the Catechist Guide after the game: Game, Art, or Music.)
9. **PRAY CHILDREN'S CREED** (The Children's Creed is on the SJE website under Worship>Liturgies at <http://www.sjeparish.org/worship/liturgies>)
10. **INTENTIONS** (Time permitting)
What should we pray for today? (Respond with) Lord, hear our prayer.
11. **CLOSING PRAYER** (Use the following prayer or the closing prayer given in your lesson plan)
"Loving God, thank you for our time together. Thank you for one another. Be with us every day. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen."
12. **DISMISSAL** (Line children up and REMIND THEM THAT WE GO BACK **QUIETLY AND RESPECTFULLY** into God's house. Please have a parent or a teacher lead the children.)