



The Catholic Communities of South East Edinburgh

Going from maintenance to mission

Dear God,
Help me spend today 😊
with a *Smile* on my face,
Love in my heart, ❤️
Joy in His grace, 💡
and my *thinking cap* on all day.
Amen

Welcome to Children's Liturgy

In this time of difficulty and worry it is especially important that we think of the younger members of our parishes and community.

Sunday morning is a time when they come together with other children and helpers to talk about their week and to listen to the gospel message in their own unique way.

We would like to give you some materials that will allow you to continue this.
The children will help lead you through this as they are very familiar with their Sunday Liturgy.

Each week we will try to give you the following

- A layout of what would normally happen at Children's Liturgy
- Some suggested questions to chat to the children about
- A colouring in sheet for younger children
- A puzzle for the older children
- Some songs to try with your children

Please use this as is best for your family
Add in songs and prayers that suit your family.

Bringing together Children's Liturgy in this way is new for us so if anyone has any suggestions as to how to improve this then please let us know.





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Children's Liturgy

Find a quiet place to come together with your children.

If you have a cross and a candle then set these out.

If possible print out the activity sheets in advance.



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Good Morning and Welcome

Explain why we have come together this morning.

We are in the middle of a very difficult time and we are unable to go to school, out with our friends or to church on Sunday.

That's why we will take a little time this morning to chat about the gospel.

Maybe ask the children how they are feeling and if anything about all this change is worrying them.



Light the candle

Tell the children that we are lighting a candle to remind us that Jesus is here with us today.



Make the sign of the cross

Ask your children about their week.

Has it been hard?

How difficult is it to not see and talk to their friends

Try to let them know that everyone is finding things difficult just now.

Ask them to think of ways to interact with others that don't involve face to face.



Saying Sorry

Ask the children to close their eyes

Can they think of a good time in the past week. A time when they did something good.

Ask them how that made them feel?

Can they also think of a time in the week when they did something not so good.

It doesn't feel good when we do things that are not so good.

Lets think of all the things we may have said or done this week which we know were not very nice. The times when we could have stood back and thought about what we were doing and maybe did something different.

Now think forward to next week and see if we can try just that little bit harder.

Sorry Prayer

Lord sometimes we make mistakes and forget the things you tell us

If we have not always been kind to others we are sorry

If we have not always been honest or fair we are sorry

send your spirit to fill us with your love

and to help us to be good Amen



Sing a sorry song

When we say that we are sorry god forgives

When we say that we are sorry god forgives

When its large or when its small

He will still forgive it all

When we say that we are sorry god forgives



Encourage them to pray for anyone in need and for anyone/anything special to them.



Gospel

Greet the gospel by making the sign of the cross with our thumbs

Today is the 6th Sunday of Easter

The gospel reading for today is about God's Commandments

Watch the attached Powerpoint "The Ten Commandments"

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

Ask a few questions around what happened, for example

Do you have any rules you follow at home or school?

Do you agree with them all? Why do you think we need rules, commandments, laws?

Can you remember what Jesus had to say about the commandments God had given to us?

What else do you think Jesus wants us to do, can you think of any other rules or laws that might help Christians grow closer to God and each other?

Closing prayer

Loving Father, help us to love you more and grow in our love for one another. Let each day bring us closer to you and your heavenly kingdom. We make these prayers through Christ your son. Amen



Help all the leaders and the nurses and doctors to do their very best for all people. Please look after all my family and friends and help everyone to try their very best at this difficult time. Amen

If you would like to look at further resources please try the following:

<https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-latest-resources-for-sunday-4/>