

Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a violet cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a festive houseplant or bouquet of fresh flowers

The following will be needed for the Gathering:

- ▶ a music player
- ▶ tea towels and big rubber bands, one for each child
- ▶ extra rubber bands in case any break
- ▶ hand mirror

Suggested Music

Gathering: “Jesus Is Coming” (*Seeds* CD-1, Track #7) or “The Promise Part 1” (*Promise & Good News* CD-1, Track #1)

Gospel Acclamation: “Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia” (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

DECEMBER 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a violet cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a festive house-plant or bouquet of fresh flowers.

Have the following ready for the Gathering:

- ▶ a music player
- ▶ illustrations of a leopard, goat, wolf, lamb, calf, and lion
- ▶ a reproduction of the Edward Hicks painting “The Peaceable Kingdom” from a book, or downloaded from commons.wikimedia.org (optional)

Suggested Music

Gathering: “The Promise Part 2” (*Seeds* CD-2, Track #3 or *Promise & Good News* CD-1, Track #2)

Gospel Acclamation: “Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia” (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

DECEMBER 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a rose cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a festive houseplant or bouquet of fresh flowers

Have ready the following for the Gathering activity:

- ▶ a music player
- ▶ crayons
- ▶ coloring pages showing people in need and/or Jesus helping them, or blank paper for drawing

Suggested Music

Gathering: “I Am the Way” (*Seeds* CD-2, Track #19) or “The Promise Part 1” (*Promise & Good News* CD-1, Track #1)

Gospel Acclamation: “Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia” (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

DECEMBER 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a violet cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a festive houseplant or bouquet of fresh flowers

For the Gathering activity, you will need:

- ▶ an assortment of magazine photos showing love in action

Suggested Music

Gathering: “Mary, You Said Yes to God” (*Seeds* CD-2, Track #24) or “Mary, O Blessed One” (*Promise & Good News* CD-1, Track #3)

Gospel Acclamation: “Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia” (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

DECEMBER 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a white cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a baby doll in a “manger” (cardboard box lined with real hay, Easter-basket grass, or torn newspaper strips)

Have ready the following for the Gathering activity:

- ▶ a square of cloth and two long strips of cloth (perhaps torn from old bed sheets) to be used for swaddling clothes

Have ready the following for the Homily:

- ▶ a music player
- ▶ recording of “Angels We Have Heard on High” (traditional hymn)

Suggested Music

Gathering: “Away in a Manger” (*Seeds* CD-1, Track #8) or “Jesus’ Lullaby” (*Seeds* CD-2, Track #5 or *Promise & Good News* CD-1, Track #8)

Gospel Acclamation: “Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia” (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

JANUARY 1, 2023 Mary, the Holy Mother of God

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a white cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a Christmas crèche or large Christmas card with a Nativity scene

Suggested Music

Gathering: “Mary, Our Mother” (*Seeds* CD-2, Track #23 or *Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #11)

Gospel Acclamation: “Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia” (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

JANUARY 8, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a white cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a festive houseplant or bouquet of fresh flowers
- ▶ statues or a portrait of the wise men from the East

Suggested Music

Gathering: “Christmas Star” (*Promise & Good News* CD-1, Track #12) or “Christmas Time” (*Promise & Good News* CD-1, Track #14)

Gospel Acclamation: “Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia” (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

JANUARY 15, 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a green cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a festive houseplant or bouquet of fresh flowers

Have ready the following for the Homily:

- ▶ either chalk and a chalkboard, or a sketchpad and felt tip marker

Have ready the following for the Prayer of the Faithful:

- ▶ a globe or ball to represent a globe (please note how it will be used)

Suggested Music

Gathering: “Hello, Jesus” (*Seeds* CD-2, Track #8) or “The Baptism of Jesus” (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #16)

Gospel Acclamation: “Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia” (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

JANUARY 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Sunday of the Word of God

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a green cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a houseplant or bouquet of fresh flowers

For use during the Gathering activity, place on a stand in the middle of a large, vacant area nearby:

- ▶ a small but beautiful object, such as a snow globe, concealed with a cloth

For use during the Homily, have these items ready:

- ▶ a baby doll
- ▶ a flask of water
- ▶ a large white candle to represent the Easter candle
- ▶ a small white candle to represent a baptismal candle
- ▶ a rectangular white cloth with a hole cut in the middle to fit over the doll's head, to represent a baptismal garment
- ▶ a small dish of vegetable oil to represent baptismal oil

Suggested Music

Gathering: "Follow Me" (*Seeds* CD-1, Track #10) or "Come and Follow Me" (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #14)

Gospel Acclamation: "Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia" (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

JANUARY 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a green cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a festive houseplant or bouquet of fresh flowers
- ▶ some straw, some sticks, and some bricks (optional)

For use during the Gathering activity, obtain these printed materials:

- ▶ story of the Three Little Pigs (short version), available at https://www.silvereye.com.au/documents/sample_pages/prod579.pdf
- ▶ an illustrated storybook or a downloaded picture of the three little pigs (optional)

Suggested Music

Gathering: "The Beatitudes" (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #17)

Gospel Acclamation: "Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia" (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a green cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a festive houseplant or bouquet of fresh flowers

For the Gathering activity, you will need:

- ▶ a flashlight (Use it to guide the children into a room already darkened by closing the blinds and turning off

all the lights. If the room still has too much light for you to draw shapes on a wall or ceiling, simply use your flashlight to draw them in the air in front of you.)

Suggested Music

Gathering: "This Little Light of Mine" (*Seeds* CD-1, Track #11) or "The Great Commandment" (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #18)

Gospel Acclamation: "Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia" (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #2)

Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

FEBRUARY 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a green cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a festive houseplant or bouquet of fresh flowers

For the Gathering activity, place the following items (or similar ones) on a separate table positioned so children can gather around it:

- ▶ a small piece of candy and an onion (tasting)
- ▶ an alarm clock and a music player (hearing)
- ▶ a lit candle and a bowl of water (touching)
- ▶ a bottle of perfume and a box of mothballs (smelling)
- ▶ a scenic picture and a picture of a landfill (seeing)

Suggested Music

Gathering: "God's Family" (*Seeds* CD-2, Track #16) or "The Great Commandment" (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #18)

Gospel Acclamation: "Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia" (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #24)

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Meeting Space

In the worship area, on a table draped with a green cloth, place:

- ▶ a Lectionary
- ▶ a battery-operated candle
- ▶ a festive houseplant or bouquet of fresh flowers

Make sure two volunteers practice the Gathering skit with you ahead of time. To play the roles of Jo and Jeri, each person will need:

- ▶ clothes little kids would wear, such as a baseball cap, T-shirt
- ▶ a box of toy cars and trucks
- ▶ a copy of the skit's script on page 60

Suggested Music

Gathering: "One Family" (*Seeds* CD-1, Track #12) or "You've Got to Love Them" (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #20)

Gospel Acclamation: "Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia" (*Promise & Good News* CD-2, Track #2)