

Leader's Notes

Four Sundays of this calendar year 2020 have been chosen to create a resource for Children's Liturgy of the Word in relation to the principles of safeguarding:

- Pentecost Sunday (31 May)
- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (26 July)
- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (6 September)
- 2nd Sunday of Advent (6 December).

Each resource booklet contains the following resources:

- Gospel Reading: from the **Lectionary for Masses with Children**.
- Homily notes: these could be used by the priest or the leader of the session for the Children's Liturgy of the Word as a starting point for a discussion and teaching about the Gospel Reading.
- Discussion questions and activities: these questions and activities follow on from the homily notes. They are intended for the leader of the session to lead and guide the children in the discussion. Some weeks also contain colouring-in or drawing activities. Others contain a word sleuth with key words from the Gospel passage. An answer key has been provided highlighting the place of the words in the sleuth in red so you can help the children locate the words. Where possible, definitions of the words in the sleuth have been given. These definitions provide another opportunity to teach the children about the Gospel reading of the day.
- Universal Prayer formula: with an introductory prayer led by the leader and a petition to be read by one of the children present at your session.
- Music suggestions: the music suggestions apply to the end of the session. It is always good to close with a piece of music. With the exception of

Pentecost Sunday, the suggestions have been taken from the following resources:

- AOV1: As One Voice 1
- AOV2: As One Voice 2
- CWB: Catholic Worship Book
- CWBII: Catholic Worship Book II
- GA: Gather Australia.

They are pieces of music that will be suitable for children. For those hymns with a refrain you might like to teach the refrain only to the children present at your session.

The age group of the children who come to your session will vary as does their ability and hence a variety of activities have been provided to cater for the different age groups and abilities who will be present in your session.

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