

What are we “teaching”?

- ❖ Liturgy as worship.
- ❖ Comfort in ritual.
- ❖ Sameness in structure

- ❖ “My insights are important.”
- ❖ Respect for children’s spirituality.
- ❖ Time to fall “in love” with God.

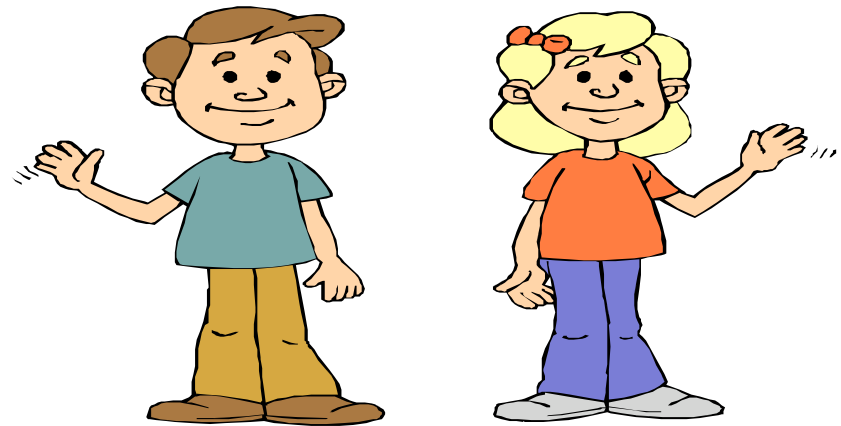
- ❖ Appreciation of the Word.
- ❖ Our story of faith in the Word.
- ❖ Same readings all over the world.

- ❖ The adult community cares.
- ❖ Adults celebrating with children.
- ❖ Children minister to the community.



Come share with our children by volunteering to be a catechist. Adults and youth are needed to make this Liturgy of the Word for Children possible. Contact our Liturgy Office here at St. Gabriel, 440-352-8282 for more information on how to get involved.

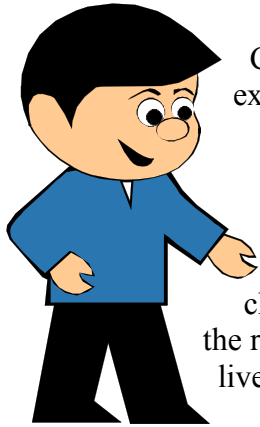
LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN



Children's Liturgy is.....

- ❖ Celebration
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Ritual

Liturgy of the Word is a way of helping our children understand the ritual of our Sunday Liturgy as the primary experience of Catholic Christians.



Children have a right to hear God's Word and to express how God is speaking to them.

In the Liturgy of the Word, children receive God's wonderful revelation through the readings and are invited to respond in their daily lives.

Who can attend?

- ❖ Children ages 4 - ?, wanting a way to understand the Gospel in simpler terms.
- ❖ Preschool children able to sit, contribute and not need to use the bathroom facilities.
- ❖ Any child needing to use the facility will be escorted to a parent by the youth reader.

Children's Liturgy is **NOT**:

- ❖ Religious Education
- ❖ Babysitting
- ❖ Nursery Time

When does this take place?

- ❖ During a Sunday Liturgy, after the opening prayer.

Tell me what takes place.

- ❖ They are sent forth with a catechist.
- ❖ They listen to God's Word in the 1st reading and the Gospel.
- ❖ They reflect in silence.
- ❖ They sing the responses.
- ❖ They share the homily in their own words.
- ❖ They express their own prayers.
- ❖ They share their treasure.

