

## Agenda

I. **Welcome** (2 minutes)

- Children follow the cross to Children's Chapel after the Children's Moment.
- Update the whiteboard with the number of children and adults.
- Invite children to find a place on the rug to sit.
- Sing "**Be Still and Know.**"

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

II. **Opening** (4 minutes)

- Open with "**The Lord be with you,**" and respond in unison, "**And also with you.**"
- Choose volunteers to **set the altar** and discuss the meaning of each item. (*listed on back*)

III. **Creed** (2 minute)

- Read the creed posted on the wall in unison.
- Remind children that the creed is a statement of our beliefs.

IV. **Prayers of the Children** (5 minutes)

- Remind the children that we pray for our family, leaders and others in our community, especially those who need help. We also pray for our earth and animals and thank God for our blessings. (*optional full prayer listed on back*)
- Ask the children to offer their ideas for who they would like to pray for.
- Conduct the prayer and end with "**Lord Hear our Prayer**" in unison.

V. **Confession** (2 minute)

- Read the confession posted on the wall in unison.
- Remind children that God forgives us every time we ask!

VI. **Scripture and Lesson** (10+ minutes)

- Reference the appropriate **Lesson Guide** and material provided.
  - Read the selected **Scripture** and/or Bible **Story**.
  - Engage the children with the **Message** and/or **Focus Questions** listed.
  - Wrap up with the lesson **Activity**. This may be a craft or other hands-on activity.

VII. **Dismiss**

- Greet parents and ask them to complete the sign out sheet at the door when leaving.

### Liturgical Calendar/Setting the Altar

- **Cloth** – The color represents the liturgical season:
  - Advent- **blue** or **purple**
  - Christmas, Easter, and other Festival Days – **White**
  - Epiphany and Ordinary Time - **Green**
  - Lent – **Purple** or unbleached linen
  - Holy Week and Pentecost – **Red**
- **Candle** – We light the candle to remind us that Christ is the light of the world and we are Christ's light in the world. *Note: Only flameless candles are permitted in Chapel.*
- **Gospel/throne** – The throne is the stand for the Gospel. The Gospel book is the scripture verses displayed in order of the lectionary.

### Prayers of the Children

For older and/or calmer children, you may follow the full prayers listed below. A child or leader may read each prayer while the group responds with “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

1. We pray for the people of God's whole church. We pray especially for our bishop, Ed, for the people of St. Augustine's and for our ministers, Joseph, Tony and Robby.
2. We pray for the United States and for our President and other leaders. We pray for the other countries of the world and their leaders. May they all work for peace.
3. We pray for our city and for the people who live and work and go to school here. We pray for the other cities and towns like ours and for the people who live in them.
4. We pray for the good earth that God has given us. May we help to take care of the land, the air, the water, the plants, and the animals.
5. We pray for all people who are sick or sad or lonely or afraid. May we always remember them and treat them with kindness.
6. We pray for all people who have died. May they have a place with you.
7. We thank you for your many blessings.