Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Let us bring our prayers before our loving God.

Begin with some prayers that reflect the gospel. Then ask children to add their own prayers.

... we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Good and gracious God, we bring our prayers to you and ask your blessing on all those who are preparing their hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus, your son. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Return to Assembly

If there is additional time, you can play one of the songs on the CD. The Jon Sarta version of Soon and Very Soon is instrumental. It is wonderful for the children to make up their own verses according to the Gospel message (e.g. no more crying, fighting, etc.)

Have assistant stationed at the door to distribute handouts as the children leave.

Leader: Now let us return to the church to celebrate the Eucharist with our families and with the whole church.

Format for Children’s Liturgy of the Word for Advent

Procession & Centering Song

Carrying the lectionary high, lead the children from the front of the church to the gathering space.

Place the lectionary on the lectern.

Light the candle.

Lead the children in singing Freedom is Coming as they are seated.

Greeting

Leader: Let us begin, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with you spirit.

Penitential Act

Leader: Coming together as God’s family, with confidence let us ask God’s forgiveness, for God is full of mercy and compassion.
Leader: Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord, have mercy.

♦ Gloria

*The Gloria is not sung during the season of Advent.*

♦ Opening Prayer

*May be adapted for various times and seasons.*

Leader: Let us pray, (pause)
Come Lord Jesus,
on our minds and our hearts
to hear your Word and live it in our lives.
We this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

♦ Shared Reflection

Leader shares some reflection with the children and asks for their reflection as well.

♦ Profession of Faith

Leader: Let us proclaim what we believe.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints and life everlasting?

All: I do.