✧ 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 your children everywhere.
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.*

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 Christmas

✧ Procession & Centring 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 Christmas is Here 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

Glory, Glory to God in the highest,
Glory, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Glory, Glory to God in the highest,
Glory, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

Fade out the music at this point.

Opening Prayer

May be adapted for various times and seasons.

Leader:  Let us pray, (pause)
Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus. Open our hearts and ears so we will come to know him better.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All:    Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Sing Halle, Halle, Halle or Alle, Alle, Alleuia

Gospel

Proclaimed effectively by leader.

Leader:  The Lord be with you.
All:    And with your Spirit.

Leader:  A reading from the Holy Gospel according to ...

Gospel is proclaimed.

All:    Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

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.