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 place all our prayers before you trusting in your goodness. We ask that you help us turn away from all that is harmful and follow your Son more closely. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Return to Assembly

If there is additional time, you can play one of the extra 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 Lent

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 one of the centring songs such as Father We Adore You.

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 lent.

✧ Opening Prayer

May be adapted for various times and seasons. During Lent, the Children’s Liturgy of the Word resources has excellent versions that relate to the gospels.

Leader: Let us pray, (pause)
God who calls us to live as your children,
Help us come closer to you during this Holy Season season of lent.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

✧ Gospel Acclamation

Sing:

Praise and Honour to You, O Lord, Jesus Christ!
or

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

✧ 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.