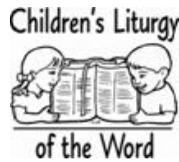


# CLOW Guidelines for Volunteers



1. **WELCOME** - Welcome the children to Children's Liturgy. "How are you all this morning?" "It's good to see you guys!" "We're glad you're here for Children's Liturgy."
2. **STATE** your expectations - Review some basic rules of good manners and good listening. "Don't talk while others are talking." "Keep your hands to yourself." Etc.
3. **PREPARE** - *Prepare yourself* by looking over the readings for the day. Know what you're talking about. *Prepare the children* for what they're about to hear - "Today we're going to listen to a story about Jesus and some of his very good friends called the disciples." "Today we're going to hear a Gospel reading about God's great love for us." Etc.
4. **READ** - Read the first reading from the hardcover Children's Lectionary. (If you read the Responsorial psalm, don't expect little kids to be able to repeat what you've said. If you read the Gospel Acclamation, the kids will be able to join in on the "Alleluia.") Read the Gospel reading from the hardcover Children's Lectionary with reverence. Make sure the children are standing up and listening.
5. **REVIEW** - See if the children can understand and remember some key points from the Gospel. "Can anyone tell me where Jesus went?" "Who knows the name of Jesus' disciple in this story?" "Why was Jesus sad?" Etc.
6. **INVITE** - invite the children to share their thoughts on the Gospel, and any experiences from their own lives that may relate to what you're talking about.
7. **SEND FORTH** - Thank the children for coming to Children's Liturgy, and ask them to please come back next Sunday. Tell them the leaflet is to take home and show to their parents. Encourage them to talk to their parents about what they learned today.

## IF BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS ARISE...

1. If most of the students are a little rambunctious, tell them that being in Children's Liturgy is just like being in Church. They wouldn't behave badly in Church, would they? Ask them to please behave and act like they are in "the big church."
2. If only one or two are misbehaving, ignore them, and say "Look at how quietly the boys and girls in the front row are sitting. I'm so proud of you!" The misbehavers will sit up tall and quiet down!
3. If two children are talking together too much, split them up. Don't make a big deal, just quietly take one and move him/her to another chair.