

Comments overheard from the catechists:

"This is certainly a more creative and interesting way of presenting the Sunday gospel!"

"I truly am really pumped and excited about its potential."

"The workshop opened my eyes to a range of different ways the Gospels can be explored, using different mediums and in such a short amount of time."

*"The session gave me the tools and confidence to deliver a **FAR** better prepared and **MORE** meaningful session with the children."*

"We were provided with all the resources, notes and hands on training in order to give you exactly what you needed to succeed."

"Training is extremely important before you can provide sessions of any topic."



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Liturgy of the Word with Children



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What is it?

It is an adaptation of the adult Liturgy of the Word suited to the age and stage of development of children.

What happens?

Children and leaders of the Word are called forward by the priest

The leader is commissioned to receive the Good News and share it with the children entrusted to their care by the priest

The children receive a blessing from the priest

The group forms a procession with the lit candle and the Word (children's lectionary), and proceeds to a nearby room

The children gather around the prayer focus, are welcomed and make the Sign of the Cross

The Gospel Acclamation is spoken or sung

The GOSPEL IS PROCLAIMED to the children

The GOSPEL IS PROCLAIMED AGAIN to the children who enter into the story using their imagination

The CREED is prayed together

The children are invited to pray their own prayers, (ie..prayers of the faithful)

The children re-join the adult community leading the Offertory procession.



Training for Leading Liturgy of the Word with Children

The **Family and Parish Based Catechesis Office** offer a 2.5hr training workshop for catechists involved in the special ministry of leading *Liturgy of the Word with Children* across the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

It is an interactive and 'hands on' workshop presented in two distinct parts.

The first part offers a basic theology by way of background as to why we offer the *Liturgy of the Word with Children*.

In the second part, the participants experience the process and are presented with ways of breaking open the Word of God with children.

The workshop emphasises that Liturgy of the Word is an experience of God for the children and helps to build their friendship with Jesus.

All who attend the training have the opportunity to learn by doing, have fun in the process and leave with a bundle of resources and enthusiasm!

The training workshop supports catechists in their ministry with children within the parish.

Who can become a catechist and lead or help with Liturgy of the Word with Children?

Anyone - youth and young adults, parents, grandparents, teachers and other parishioners.

If you

- can volunteer for a couple of hours once a month or less
- are prepared to work within a small team
- enjoy working with children

Then, this ministry is for you!

Speak to your Parish Priest, Pastoral Associate or contact the Family and Parish Based Catechesis Office for more details.