

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

"Whoever welcomes a child in my name welcomes me." Matt 18:5

Reflection



"You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and useful for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be upright. This is how someone who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work." [II Timothy 3:14-16]

- Think about and thank God for the people who have helped you understand the scriptures during your own youth and since.
- How do I prepare myself for this great responsibility of sharing the Scriptures with the young people in our parish so that they will deepen their relationship with Christ?
- How do I ensure that I read and reflect on all the scriptures for each Sunday, as well as those we pray in the session with the children?

Action Points

1. Sit down together as a group and just pretend you are starting from scratch. It's a chance to look at everything you do, the way you do things, the resources you use, the room and the environment. Don't be afraid to change!

2. New rota
Take the opportunity to revise your rota, and make sure you have a good mix of people representing the diversity of your community.

3. Join Children's Liturgy Leaders from around the diocese for a webinar to share new ideas and resources on Wed 15 September 7.30pm. There are also webinars for readers which you would be very welcome to join to help our knowledge of Scripture: Wednesdays from 22nd Sep-6th Oct, 7.30-8.30pm. Contact admin@nores.org.uk to register.

4. Preparation
Can you form a reflection group for your parish, town, or even Pastoral Area, for all who lead the Liturgy of the Word for Children or join a readers' group to study the Scriptures? before Mass each week?