

Matins for Children & Families

Week of Oct. 28 - Nov. 3, 2019



The Liturgy Letter

Opening Words

Let us remember
that we are in the Holy presence of God.

Light a prayer candle.

Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Psalm 51:15

Psalm of the Week (different Psalm + musical refrain each week)

**Children sing the refrain and an adult reads the Psalm text in between*

Psalm 32:1-7 (NIV)

**Optional discussion question--- Have you ever felt angry or sick inside because you failed to ask forgiveness for something you did wrong that hurt God or others?*

You are a hiding place for me.

You save me from trouble.

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You save me from trouble.

**Click the text above for [audio](#), or [here](#) for a leadsheet. Full recording [here](#).*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

You are a hiding place for me.

You save me from trouble.

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You save me from trouble.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

You are a hiding place for me.

You save me from trouble.

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You save me from trouble.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you
at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble.

You are a hiding place for me.

You save me from trouble.

You are a hiding place for me.

You save me from trouble.

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now
And will be for ever.
Amen.

**Optional --- Make the sign of the cross while saying the "Glory be"*

Examen/Confession

Lord, forgive us for the things we do that hurt you and other people.
Because you always love us, help us to love each other.

Bless the Lord who forgives all of our sins
His love endures forever.

**Optional --- Adults and children appropriately share ways they have hurt God and other people that week. Ask forgiveness if fitting.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (NIV)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Day 1 - Read, then imagine and have kids act it out.

Day 2 -What does this parable teach us? Who and what was Zacchaeus looking for? What did Zacchaeus do after he met Jesus?

Day 3 - Talk about a piece of art associated with the passage (Find art [here](#)).

Your Word is a light unto our feet
And a lamp unto our path.

Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed, Apostles’ Creed, [Heidelberg Confession Q&A #1](#))

**One line is added to the creed/confession each week; each text is memorized over the course of many weeks.*

**Q. What is your only comfort
in life and in death?**

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. [Week One](#)

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. [Week Two](#)

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him. Week Three

Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Day 1 - Adult offers a short prayer of dedication.

Day 2 - Adult provides prompts (ie. Pray for family, friends, city, those who are sad), kids can offer a word or sentence of prayer after each prompt.
ie. Let us pray for: family, friends, people in trouble, other countries...

Day 3 - A child or children pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**Holding hands in a circle or individual hands open and outstretched in the sign of the orans*

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Optional --- Doxology, Hymn, or Weekly Psalm Refrain

ie. God is So Good, Doxology (Old 100th), Jesus, the Light of the World

Prayers Before a Meal

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest
And to our lives these gifts be blessed.
Amen.

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the food before us,
the friends beside us,
and the love between us.
Amen.

Vertical Habits for Children:

Cultivating Faithful Speech and Relationship Towards God and People



Relational Words / Worship Words ([More Resources...](#))

I Love You / Praise

I'm Sorry / Confession

Why? / Lament

I'm Listening / Illumination

Help / Supplication or Petition

Thank you / Thanksgiving

Here I Stand / Creed

What Can I Do? / Service

Bless You / Blessing