Date of Original Use

* Congregate outside of chapel, and use this time to get to know the children one-on-one while waiting no more than 5 minutes for latecomers. Be mindful of the noise level outside of the chapel, and respect those praying in Adoration by congregating elsewhere if need be.
* **Enter with reverence** Be the example for the children and lead them in making the sign of the cross with the holy water and kneeling on both knees upon entrance. Wait until all children are kneeling before continuing on. When finished with the reverent greeting, rise and sit right in front of the monstrance. It is recommended to sit on the floor and in a horseshoe shape so that everyone is facing Jesus. Do NOT sit in between the children and Jesus, but rather sit off to the side in the horseshoe shape.
* **Opening prayer** It is suggested to pray from your heart, but the prayers in the lesson plans are there if you need or want to use them. This is simply a way to set the tone of reverence and focus the children’s’ mind on prayer and on Jesus. It is always a good idea to end with the Our Father, because all the children should know it, and it makes the prayer more interactive.
* **Activity** After the opening prayer, just jump right in. When speaking, speak with enthusiasm and conviction. If you don’t believe or if you aren’t excited about what you are talking about, neither will the children. When the children are drawing/writing, have patience, but be mindful of your time.
* **Silence** Though some children will be antsy during this time, this is said to be the favorite part of the time by many of the children (usually older), so please give enough time for this part. This is a time for the children to pray to Jesus in their own minds and be accustomed to silence with Him. It is recommended that you take about 2 minutes in silence. If children become impatient, reiterate that if they don’t know what to say, just repeat “Jesus, I love You” or tell Jesus your happiness and sadness from the day. Finally, it should be stressed that the children should be looking at Jesus during this time.
* **Petitions** This is the Universal Prayer. The children love this, because they are able to pray for someone or something aloud in a familiar way. Go around in a circle, and you can always come back to someone who needs more time to think. If they cannot think, help them out asking about anyone in their family or a friend, or even praying for their own self. Feel free to add your own prayer.
* **Closing Prayer** Ask the Lord to answer the Prayers of the Faithful through His perfect and holy will, and then wrap up the time in Adoration with a prayer of thanks. It is suggested that you thank Jesus for bringing everybody into Adoration that day and ask for the strength to show His love outside of the chapel.
* **Exit Chapel** After the closing prayer, get up to leave, but remind the children to exit the same way they came in (making the sign of the cross with the holy water and kneeling on both knees).
* **Hand Out** The candy is optional, as it will cost money, but it is a nice incentive to come and pay attention in the chapel, especially for the younger children. It also ties the lesson together or adds to it very nicely. Before handing the candy out, it is recommended that you ask why the children think that specific candy was chosen, because it will cause them to think. Lastly, if candy cannot be found in small portions, transfer a handful of the candy into plastic bags to distribute.