

## Children Coming to Christ

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### What is “Children Coming to Christ”?

It is a program where children come to learn about who God is, how much God loves them, and how God saves them with His love and forgiveness.

It is a program that helps older children to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation & Communion.

It is a program designed for older children over the age of 9. Children receive age appropriate materials and discussions.

It is a program designed to meet families where they are, with NO judgements on where they have been.

It is a program that allows children & their families to grow in their faith at their own pace.

It is a place for families to welcome God back into their lives.

This is a program where children learn who Jesus was while he was on Earth and how He walks with us today.

This is a program for all families.

This is a program that welcomes your child and family.

### Not sure if this will fit into your life this year?

#### Consider this...

We customized this program to your family’s individual needs.

We welcome parents to join us in the classroom.

We understand life happens. We understand emergencies, illnesses, job changes, custody and other things may come up everyone's life. I know they have come up in mine, many times.

Come chat with me about what might be keeping you back.

There is no obstacle too great for us to overcome.

### How does this work?

- Children attend the 9:00 AM Mass with their families.
- Children will be dismissed to our classroom after they have heard Father’s homily.
- We will tell each other what we heard in Mass during the readings, Gospel & homily.
  - We may watch a short video.
  - We will spend some time in prayer.
  - We will spend time laughing.
- We may spend some time on art projects.
  - We will learn about the Holy Trinity by reading & studying the Bible.
  - We will prepare for our sacraments as we build our relationship with God.
- We will learn about the ordinary people who knew Jesus, had meals with Him & sometimes went fishing with Him.
- We will learn about the Saints and just how ordinary they were in their lives, but extraordinary in their love for God.
  - We will share our new relationship with God with our families.
- Families will create a “Journey With Jesus” journal in which they share all the churches they attend on vacations and long weekends.
- Parents will work with their children at home in workbooks that are periodically checked in class.
  - Children will receive sacraments when THEY are ready, not just because the calendar says it is time.