**Liturgy of the Word**

**You will need:**

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* Cloth (colour of the season)
* White felt circle cut into four quadrants - see quadrant templates on RE online
* 10 peg people, 1 priest (white material to represent alb with material the color of the season
to represent chasuble and stole)
* Bible
* Cards: Liturgy of the Word, First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel, Homily, Creed, Prayer of the Faithful (see below)

*Lay**seasonal cloth down. Place the quadrants on top of the underlay to form a circle as in illustration above.*

*Place the peg figures, including the priest, around the circle facing inwards to represent the community gathered. Trace your finger around the circle as you say:*

**When we celebrate Mass we come together as the community of God.**

*Point to each quadrant as you say:*

**We can look at the Mass as being made up of four parts: The Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rites.**

*Hold the card ‘Introductory Rites’ as you say:*

**The first part, called the Introductory Rites, gathers us together into the community that is the body of Christ.**

*Place ‘Introductory Rites’ card in quadrant 1.*

*Hold the card ‘Liturgy of the Word’ as you say:*

**The second part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word.**

*Place Liturgy of the Word card in quadrant 2.*

*Hold up the Bible as you say:.*

**During the Liturgy of the Word we listen to the Scriptures, the Word of God**

*Place bible beside you.*

*Hold the card ‘First Reading’ as you say:*

**During the First Reading we listen to God’s word, which is usually taken from one of the books of the Old Testament in the Bible.**

*Place First Reading card in quadrant 2 below Liturgy of the Word card.*

*Show Old Testament section to the class. Place bible beside you.*

*Hold card ‘Responsorial Psalm’ as you say:*

**The First Reading is followed by the Responsorial Psalm.**

*Place Responsorial Psalm card in quadrant 2 below First Reading card.*

*Show Book of Psalms in Old Testament to the class as you say:*

**The Responsorial Psalm usually comes from the Book of Psalms, which is also in the Old Testament.**

*Place bible beside you.*

*Hold card ‘Second Reading’ as you say:*

**Sometimes there is a second reading.**

*Place Second Reading card in quadrant 2 below Responsorial Psalm card.*

*Show Acts of the Apostles and Letters in the New Testament as you say:*

**The Second Reading usually comes from the Acts of the Apostles or from one of the letters in the New Testament of the Bible.**

*Place bible beside you.*

*Hold card ‘Gospel’ as you say:*

**The priest then reads a story from one of the Gospels.**

*Place Gospel card in quadrant 2 below Second Reading card.*

*Show the Gospels in the bible to the class as you say:*

**The Gospels are the stories about what Jesus said and did when he was on earth. These stories are in the New Testament.**

*Place the bible near quadrant 2.*

*Hold card ‘Homily’ as you say:*

**In the homily the priest helps us to understand God’s word in the readings.**

*Place Homily card in quadrant 2 below Gospel card.*

*Hold card ‘Creed’ as you say:*

**We pray the Creed on Sundays and some feast days. In the Creed we say what we believe, as Catholics.**

*Place Creed card in quadrant 2 below Homily card.*

*Hold card ‘Prayer of the Faithful’ as you say:*

**In the Prayer of the Faithful we pray for the Church, the world and its people.**

*Place Prayer of the Faithful card in quadrant 2 below Creed card.*

*Point to the Liturgy of the Word card as you say:*

**The second part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word.**

**During the Liturgy of the Word we listen to the Scriptures, the Word of God.**

*Point to the people, as you say:*

**In the celebration of the Mass, Jesus is present in the community gathered,**

*Point to the priest, as you say:*

**in the priest.**

*Point to the Bible, as you say:*

**and in the Word of God.**

*Pause for a while before wondering with the students.*

**I wonderif you know anyone who reads at Mass.**

**I wonderwhat your favourite story is from the Old Testament.**

**I wonderwhat your favourite story is about Jesus.**

**I wonder what it means to say Jesus is present in the Word of God**

**I wonderif you know any of the beliefs we proclaim in the Creed.**