We Gather for Mass

**You will need:**

* cloth (colour of the season)
* white felt circle cut into four quadrants: 2 large and 2 small - - see quadrant templates on RE online
* 10 peg figures and 1 priest (white material to represent alb with material

the colour of the season to represent chasuble and stole)

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* Bible
* Bread on a plate
* Grape juice in chalice/wine goblet
* Cards: Introductory Rites; Liturgy of the Word; Liturgy of the Eucharist; Concluding Rite (see below)

*Lay**seasonal cloth down. Place the quadrants on top to form a circle as in illustration above.**Place the peg figures around the circle facing inwards to represent the community gathered. Place the priest at the top of the circle. 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.**

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

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

*Place Introductory Rites card in quadrant 1.*

*Show the card ‘Liturgy of the Word’ as you say:***The second part 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 the open bible in quadrant 2.*

*Show the card ‘Liturgy of the Eucharist’ as you say:*

**The third part is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist.**

*Place Liturgy of the Eucharist card in quadrant 3.*

*Hold up the bread and wine as you say:*

**During the Liturgy of the Eucharist we remember what Jesus said and did during the Last Supper. We give thanks to God and we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.***Place bread and wine in quadrant 3.*

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

**The fourth part is called the Concluding Rites.**

*Place Concluding Rites card in quadrant 4.*

**During the Concluding Rites the priest blesses us**

*Turn the figures out toward the students.* **The priest sends us out to take Christ into our world.**

*Point to each quadrant as you say:*

**These are the four parts of the Mass: the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Concluding Rites.**

*Pause for a while before wondering with the students.***I wonder whether you’ve seen any part of this before.  
I wonder why the gathered community is called the Body of Christ.**