

Closing Prayer

Leader: *We come as your children to listen to your Word, Father. May we feel your great love and hear your voice. Open our ears, our minds, and our hearts.*

Child Volunteer: *Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it" (Luke 11:28).*

Parent Volunteer: *Together, we will respond to God's Word as we make the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, lips, and heart.*

Leader: *Parents, at each line, make the Sign of the Cross with your thumb on your child's forehead, lips, or heart. Children, you will repeat the gesture on your parent's forehead, lips, and heart.*

Lord Jesus, help us to understand your Word with our mind . . .

Make the Sign of the Cross on your child's forehead. Then prompt your child to do the same to you.

Speak your Word with our lips . . .

Make the Sign of the Cross on your child's lips. Then prompt your child to do the same to you.

And believe your Word in our hearts.

Make the Sign of the Cross on your child's heart. Then prompt your child to do the same to you.

Leader: *Strengthened by God's gift of grace, go and be his disciples.*

All: *Amen.*