

Joyful Catholic Families

**Opening Prayer, Gospel,  
Closing Prayer for Little  
Lambs' Mass Booklets**

**Little Lambs Lesson #9**

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## Opening Prayer

**Priest:** Let us pray.  
Look upon your family, Lord,  
and strengthen us  
to follow Your way.

We ask this through Christ our  
Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew**

Jesus said, "Let the children  
come to me, for the kingdom of  
heaven belongs to such as  
these."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Closing Prayer

**Priest:** Let us pray.

O God, may this sacrament that  
we have celebrated bring us to  
eternal life.

We ask this through Christ our  
Lord.

**All: Amen.**