

What is the Atrium?

The “atrium” is a beautiful environment especially prepared for children to help them hear the word of God and build their relationship with Him. It contains various materials that enable the children to reflect further upon biblical passages and the sacraments. The materials in the atrium are often three-dimensional wood representations of a particular scripture or are items that represent what can be found in Baptism or the Eucharist. They are attractively displayed and invite the children to explore and deepen their experience of God at their own rhythm.



The 3-6-year-old child is particularly capable of receiving and enjoying the most essential elements of our faith—the announcement of God’s love especially experienced through Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who died and is risen. Materials on the life of Jesus Christ and his teachings help to make the mystery of God concrete for the child. The primary purpose of the materials is not the formation of concepts, but to help facilitate “a vital encounter with a real Person.” (Gianna Gobbi, “Listening to God with Children”)

