Leader Explain:

We believe that during Mass a priest consecrates bread and wine and changes it into the body and blood of Jesus. Consecrated hosts are kept in the <u>tablernacle</u> in case some one needs to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

In a few moments Father (or the Celebrant) will take from the tabernacle a large <u>Consecrated Host</u> that is contained in a glass case called a <u>Luna</u>. He/she will put it into a special vessel called a <u>Monstrance</u> so that we can see the Blessed Sacrament. We call this practice <u>Exposition</u> because we are exposing, or showing, Jesus in the consecrated host. Whenever we pray in front of the monstrance we call it <u>Adoration</u>.

Please stand and join in singing the hymn _____. Think about the words that you sing. Make them a prayer. *(Choose a Eucharistic hymn known to the people, one that moves the heart.)*

When the celebrant goes to the tabernacle to collect the Luna say:

Please kneel. The celebrant is going to open the tabernacle to remove the Blessed Sacrament. The host is in a protective case that we call a Luna. It will fit into the monstrance. (In advance ask the celebrant to hold up the Luna when you make reference to it.)

The celebrant is now incensing the Blessed Sacrament. Smoke is made by lighting pieces of charcoal in the <u>thurible</u>. When the air circulates in the thurible smoke emerges. The smoke and perfumed smell rise up to heaven. They represent that Jesus is King and that the thoughts of our hearts are rising up to praise Jesus.

Jesus will remain on the altar exposed to our view tonight. We will take turns sitting with him and speaking words of love.

• Group One, please remain seated and silent.

• Groups two and three, quietly, very, very quietly, please stand. (*Wait until the groups stand.*)

• In your pew genuflect or make a profound bow of reverence to Jesus, our King.

• Now, to show reverence for Jesus, quietly leave the church and go to your sessions. Let your silence be a prayer.