



Remember why we come to the atrium...

Three years ago, I was in formation to be a level I catechist. At the time, my daughter was four years old and was attending a level one atrium (where I assisted), elsewhere. As part of my training, I requested to observe one of my formation leader's level one atrium sessions. As I had no one to take care of my daughter, my formation leader graciously invited her to attend the session. As we drove there that day, I "prepped" my (rambunctious) daughter in the hopes that she would not disrupt the session. I told her, "Remember why we go to the atrium?" She was silent. I continued, "We go to the atrium to learn about Jesus." She responded, "No mommy. We go to the atrium to learn *from* Jesus." No one ever told her that. She knew it from her experience. The next year I opened a Level 1 atrium in my parish.

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