Children's Chapel at Home December 27th

Supplies:

- A table, or worship space, to be set up as an altar
- An altar cloth (preferably purple until Easter)
- A cross
- A candle
- Smooth stones (one for each participant)
- A Bowl
- Water

We Gather
We sing together *Prepare Now the Way of the Lord' as we begin and move to the worship area*

We set the Altar

Leader gets child volunteers to help spread the (1) altar cloth (purple), (2) cross and (3) candle while explaining the meaning of the table in worship.

Child Volunteer puts out Altar Cloth- Makes the table look and feel special-can be a paper, table cloth, placemat etc. The color corresponds with the season of the church. Our color is PURPLE for Lent.

Child Volunteer puts out Cross—Reminds us that Jesus is at the center of our worship. The cross in the Nave hangs above the altar table.

Child Volunteer puts the Candle on the altar and lights it—Reminds us that God is with us even we can't always see God.

We Sing

"This Little Light of Mine"

We Pray

The Prayer of the Day
Leader: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray. Thank you God for this day. Thank you for this time to think about you and learn about you. We pray for our families, our friends and those who aren't with us right now. Help us all to feel your love.
People: **Amen.**

We tell a Bible Story

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Read the story
Pass out coloring sheet

We tell God we are sorry: The Confession

Leader passes out stones to each child.

Leader: Let us now hold our stones to our hearts. The stones help us remember the things we have done wrong and the things we have left undone. Please repeat after me.

God, when we hurt others, we hurt you.
People: **God, when we hurt others, we hurt you.**
Leader: Sometimes we don't do what we're supposed to do.
People: **Sometimes we don't do what we're supposed to do.**
Leader: We are sorry, God, please forgive us.
People: **We are sorry, God, please forgive us.**
Leader: Help us to love one another.
People: **Help us to love one another.**

The people come forward and place their stones in the basin while we sing: "Jesus loves me" (C)

Leader: (as water is poured over the stones – kids assisting)

No matter what, God loves us and forgives us. As this holy water washes these stones, God washes away our wrongs. We are forgiven. Be at peace. **Amen.**

We Sing: Closing Song

"He's Got the Whole World"
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got St. Mark's church…

He's got all of our families…

He's got everybody here…

We Recess
Extinguish candle and dismiss.

Additional activities:
Leader passes out cards and crayons and children are instructed to draw their prayers- something they are thankful for, something they are hoping for, something they are thinking about, etc. When everyone is finished, share with the group.