



I CAN SERVE AT THE ALTAR!

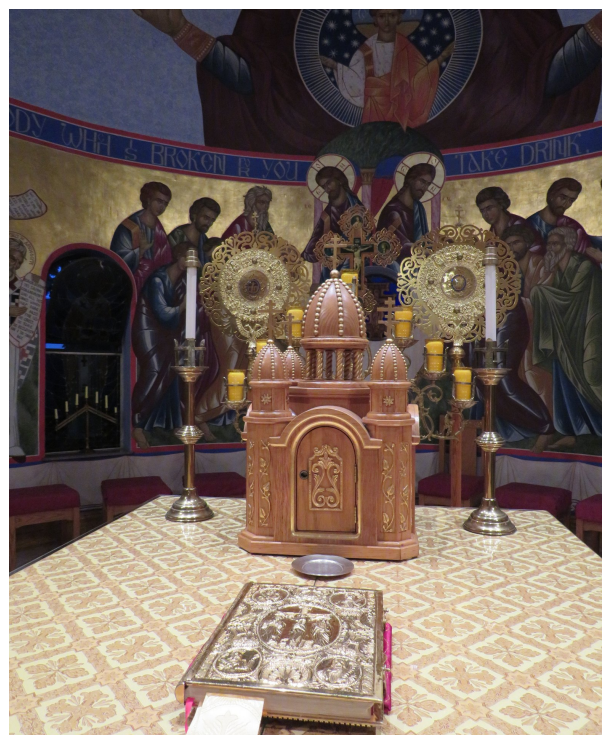
THERE ARE MANY THINGS I CAN DO IN CHURCH!

1. I love to help!



2. I love helping God.

3. I can help by serving at the Altar. The altar is a special holy table AND a special holy space within the church.





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4. There are different people who serve at the altar. The bishop, priest, deacon, reader, vestrymen and altar servers like me!

Bishops



Priest



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Deacon



Altar Servers



Here is a picture of me!



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7. When I serve
I must remember
to be a good
listener.



8. When I go through the deacon
door, I will cross myself.

Deacon Doors



Cross Yourself





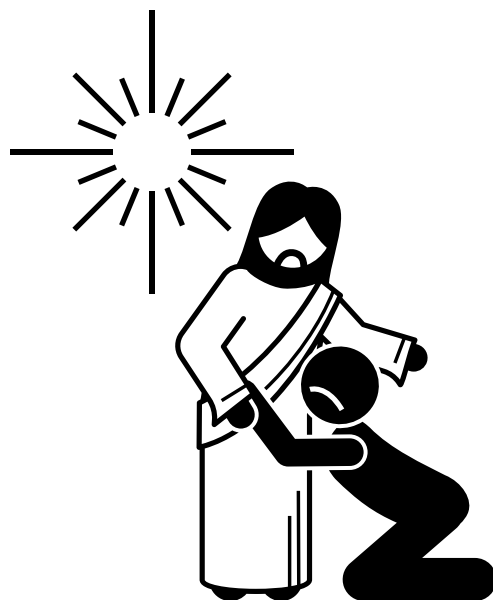
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10. I will say a short prayer when I enter the altar.



11. Maybe
Lord Have Mercy!





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12. Sometimes I will need to wait patiently and that might be hard!



13. But that is OK!





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14. I might need to ask for a break or to sit down.



15. I will not bother Father with my question, but I can ask another altar server or my altar buddy!





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16. When I need to ask a question or tell someone something,



I will remember to use my quiet voice.

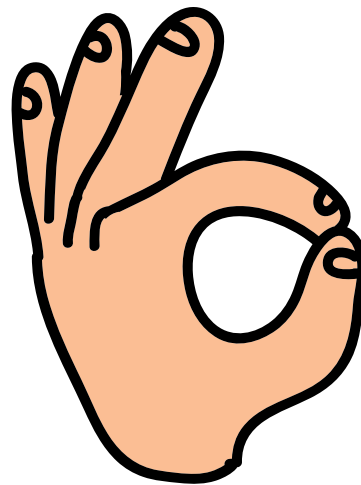




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17. If I forget my job or where we are at in the service, that is ok.



I will get another chance next week!





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18. When I serve I have special clothes called vestments.



They are like my holy uniform!



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18. When I serve I have special clothes called vestments.

Here are MY vestments!



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19. When I arrive, I will take the vestments to Father for a blessing before I put them on and give them a kiss.

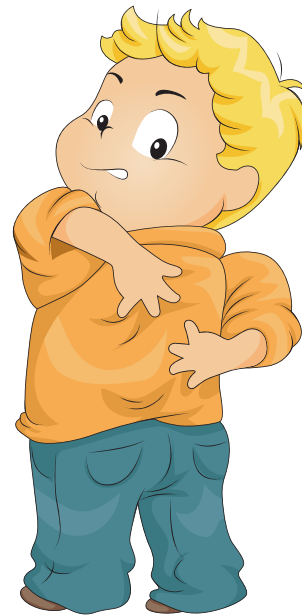




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20. They may be a little scratchy or hot.



If they bother me, I need to tell my parents so they can help get them fixed!





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21. When I serve, I might hold a candle.



I might prepare Incense.



I might prepare the communion cups.





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22. When I serve, I might help cut the holy bread (prosfora).



I might walk in the procession for the small and great entrance.



I might help with the stewardship collection or to help put out the candles.





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23. When I am finished serving I will help clean up. I will carefully take off my vestments and put them away.



I will say a short prayer thanking God for serving Him today.





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24. There are so many ways to serve at the altar!



I love serving God!



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