

A close-up photograph of several golden wheat stalks against a clear blue sky. The wheat is in full ripeness, with long, thin awns extending from the grain heads. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the grain and the sheen of the awns.

Bringing Your Child to Jesus

Prayer

Identity

Gratitude

Understanding



- **Teaching Children to Pray**

Formal Prayers

Liturgical Prayer

Spontaneous Prayer

Meditation

Prayers for the Children

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be to the Father

Angel Guardian


Act of Contrition



Dear Jesus, I love you with all my heart
Please help me to be a good
daughter...Let me be kind to my brother
and my friends. Jesus, grandma is really
sick. Could you make her well like you did
to the people in the Gospel. Thank you

Liturgical Prayer
Mass
Baptisms
Weddings



A priest in white vestments is performing a ritual. He is looking down at a golden chalice on a table. His hands are clasped in prayer. The background is a brick wall with a wooden archway.

Liturgical Prayer
Repetition
Participation
Memorization
Understanding

**Jesus used the
ordinary things
of life to explain
who God is...**

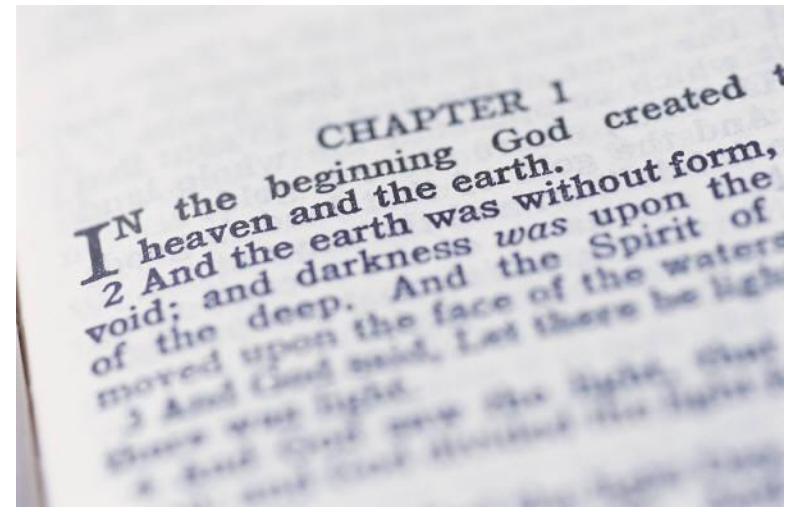
Normal experience of the
child

Language that they
understand

Time to talk about it

Children's Liturgy of the
Word....





Familiarity with the Story

Openness to Questions/examples

Parallel stories that help open
meaning



Example: Advent
What they see—
candles being lit

Emmanuel...

Purple

More solumn



Community activity

Exchange of greetings

Capacity to listen

Seeking pardon

Expressions of gratitude

Experience of symbolic action

Meals of friendship

Festive celebration



Meditation

Religious Imagination



Meditation
I: Read the Story



Meditation

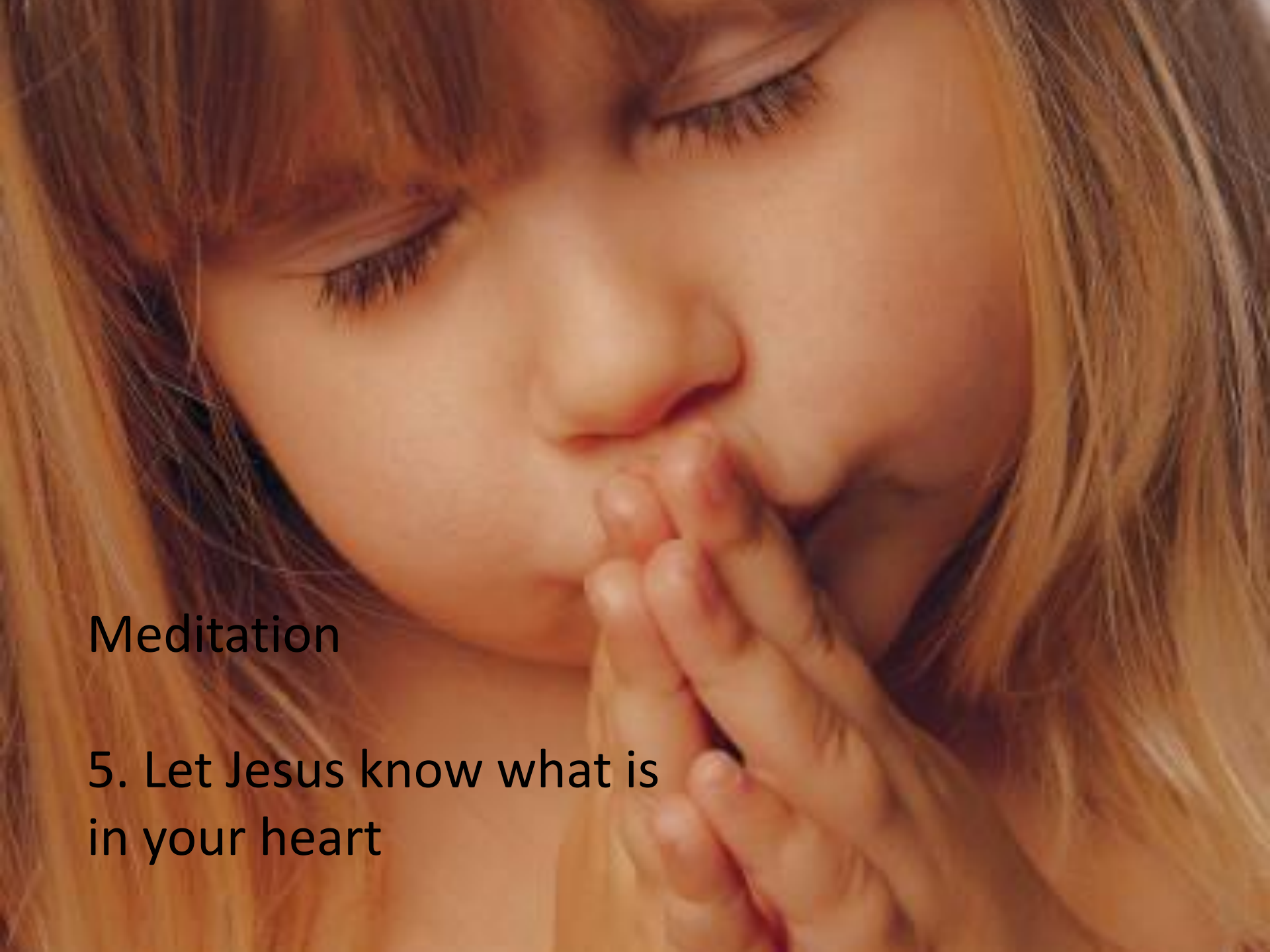
2: Imagine what you see
smell, touch, hear, taste



Meditation

3. Focus on Jesus

4. Enter into conversation
with Him



Meditation

5. Let Jesus know what is
in your heart



Meditation

6. Thank Jesus and ask
Him to strengthen you to
respond lovingly