

## Level I

In the Level I Atrium, the children begin with an introduction to practical life work based on the Montessori Method. The prayer table and The Good Shepherd is an essential part of level I. The miniature replica of the Altar, the Baptismal Font, and the Ambo help the children to understand the significance of the Liturgy. Further, the children are presented with the church calendar and liturgical colors, posture and gestures, vestments and vessels. The land of Israel, where Jesus walked comes alive when it is presented in a 3D map. The Infancy Narratives are presented during Advent and the Christmas Season. The Parables show the children how much God loves us.

## Level II

In the Level II Atrium the children delve deeper into the topics from Level I. The year begins with the Creation account. The cities where Jesus visited are examined in depth in the Pin Maps. Every child is presented with a bible and is taught in finding passages in scripture. A synthesis of the Mass helps the children to follow and participate in the Liturgy. In Level II, the parables bring the children closer to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. This time in the Atrium is very special as the children are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. In order to prepare for the sacraments the children (and parents) will participate in meditations called True Vine. The children will make their own Missal in preparation for First Eucharist. Origins of the Eucharist, Eucharistic Presence, and The Cenacle will all help the child to get ready for the Sacrament. The children are not merely taught to memorize prayers; rather the prayers are first discussed, and then learned.