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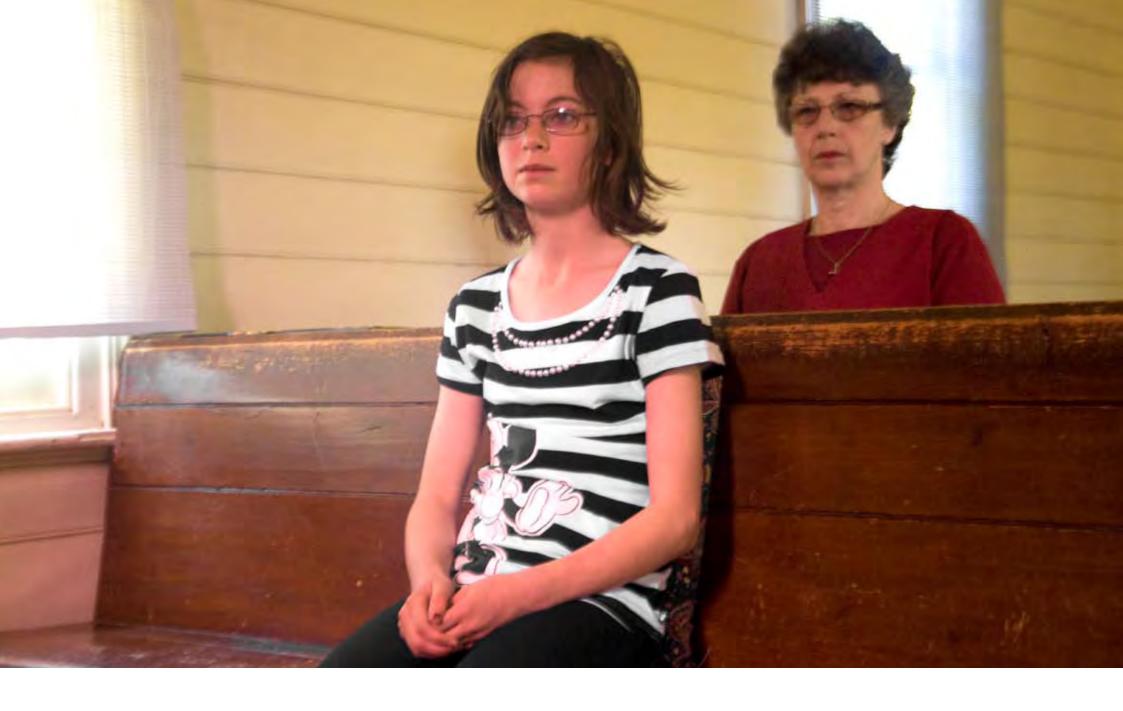
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At church, the celebrant reads from the Bible. The Bible teaches people about God and Jesus.



The celebrant gives a talk (called a sermon or homily) to help me understand the Bible. This usually happens after the Bible reading.



During this time, I may sit quietly and listen.



Otherwise, I can do a quiet activity, such as reading a book.



Sometimes, I might do an activity with a group of other children to learn about God.



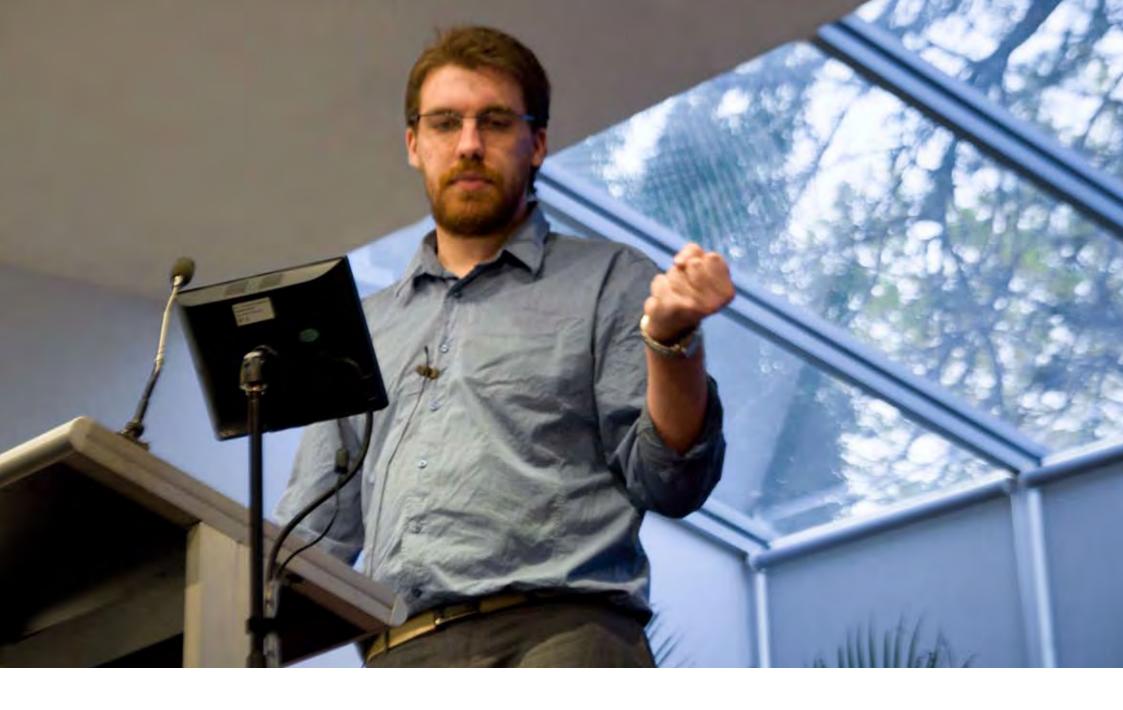
At other churches, the homily or sermon may take more or less time than at my church.



Homilies may take less than ten minutes. Sermons can take a much longer time.



Some celebrants give their homily or sermon behind a lectern.



Other celebrants may move around while giving a homily or sermon.



Celebrants give homilies or sermons to help people worship God by learning more about Him.

Notes for parents



This resource has been created to assist people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) and their peers in understanding the social situation of attending church services. This booklet focusses upon abstract religious concepts (such as prayer) and the structure of church routines. The underlying theme is that while churches may conduct their services in many ways, they exist for a single purpose: to 'know, love and serve God'.

This resource is suitable for preparing a person with an ASD to confidently attend a church service.

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This project has been inspired by his various passions of: graphic design, photography, assisting other people with ASDs and most importantly, living out his faith in God.

Daniel is pictured above with another project he created for people with ASDs titled *Facing Our Feelings*.

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