Children will be given their candles in the classroom. Parents will join their children in the classroom and then proceed to the BT Chapel. The parents and children enter the chapel together, bow at the altar, then each child can place his/her votive in one of the slots in the votive stands (they will remain unlit at this time). Parents then have a seat with their children. There are five stanzas in the service and the catechists are to be the readers.

Rosemary:  
*Words of Welcome* – We welcome all of you today as we continue on our journey towards First Reconciliation and First Communion. Today we offer our thanks, praise, worries, and needs to our heavenly Father as we remember that we are the light of Christ.  
*(Remind the families that the responses to the prayers can be found on their program)*

Leader:  
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

All:  
*Amen*

Leader:  
The Lord be with you.

All:  
*And also with you.*

Leader:  
Let us pray. Dear God, you tell us in Scripture that you are as close to us as our own heartbeat. You know us, just as we are, and you love us. Help us to believe that you are with us always, and teach us to respond to your love by being the best we can be. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

All:  
*Amen*

Reader 1:  
Oh God, you know me so well,  
You know when I sit and when I stand,  
You know my thoughts before I think them.

All:  
*Oh God, you know me and you love me.*

Reader 2:  
You know when I go out,  
And you know when I am at home.  
You know everything about me.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
You know what I will say.

All:  
*Oh God, you know me and you love me.*

Reader 3:  
You are in front of me and behind me  
And you rest your hand upon me  
Knowing this is incredible.  
I can hardly believe that you care for me so much.

All:  
*Oh God, you know me and you love me.*
Reader 4: You have created me inside and out; Even before I was born, you knew me. I give thanks to you that I am so wonderfully made. All that you have created is wonderful.

All: Oh God, you know me and you love me.

Reader 5: Please keep close to me, God And keep on knowing what is in my heart. Guide my thoughts and keep me on a straight path. Lead me toward you in all that I do.

All: Oh God, you know me and you love me.

Leader: I invite you now to close your eyes and picture yourself next to Jesus. He reaches out and takes your hand and you feel warm and safe with him. Share with him now whatever is in your heart: Tell him about a joyous time… Tell him about something that is worrying you…. Tell him about something that you need help with….

Ask him to help you feel the comfort and love of God, our Father, who knows you so well and loves you so dearly.

(Pause for silent reflection)

Dear God, from you we have received the gift of life. We thank you for this and all your gifts you have given us. We have created these candles to help remind us that you, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are always with us, guiding us through our life journey. We offer you glory as we pray:

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, worlds without end. Amen

All: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

At this time, the children can come forward to light their candles with their parents. During the lighting of the candles, the children are to sit with their parents in quiet reflection. We will then as a group recite the prayers on the back of the program (Our Father, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, Prayer to the Holy Spirit). The brief time remaining will be spent with the parents and children spending quiet prayer and reflection together with the Lord.