



**Celebrate the Inclusion of Children
with Autism in Faith Formation Programs.**

- 1. Use the Parish Bulletin to educate the community about Autism:**
 - Have a parent write a paragraph or two about Autism and how it affects their family.**
 - Have a child who has Autism write about what he loves about God.**
 - Ask the sibling of a child on the Spectrum to write about his brother or sister.**
 - Ask a catechist to tell why working with a child who has Autism is so rewarding.**
- 2. Identify those children with Autism who have not been prepared to receive the sacraments. Welcome them into programs.**
- 3. Advertise for catechists who have teaching skills and loving hearts.**
- 4. Remind everyone that we are all created in the image of God, even those of us who have disabilities!**
- 5. Include a petition as part of the General Intercessions during the month of April. Example: That children with Autism and their families will be welcomed and accepted as part of our church community, we pray to the Lord.**
- 6. Ask the pastor if he would like to begin a monthly Sunday Liturgy for children who have special needs.**
- 7. Organize a respite program.**
- 8. Celebrate the God who loves us all!**