Moment for Children….

Sending Song…

**Let us now pray our prayer or Adoration:**

**Heavenly Father, we bow before you in worship and we praise your name because of your unfailing love. You are faithful in all your promises, and you always keep your word. You are trustworthy and your promises preserve our lives. Your word gives us life, and it is a light for our path in life. We praise you for your beautiful words that are soothing to the soul. Amen.**

**Let us pray our prayer for Illumination:**

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit,**

**as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed.**

**Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts,**

**and let all other words slip away.**

**May there be one voice we hear today —**

**the voice of truth and grace. Amen.**

**And now the First Reading, Romans 8: 12-17**

**So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.**