Resources for Children and Communion Preparation

Children and Communion Booklist
This is not an exhaustive list, but it contains some of the resources which are currently available for churches which are seeking to engage children in Eucharistic worship.

**Background reading**

Let the Children Come to Communion
Lake; pub. SPCK
Very good history & background to children & communion, with good tips on practicalities and experience from a range of people

Come Unto Me: rethinking the sacraments for children
Caldwell; pub. The Pilgrim Press
ISBN: 9780829811193  £9.45
Good exploration of both baptism and communion with practical sessions to help parents support their child’s spiritual growth.

Children at Communion
Lloyd; pub. Grove Books
ISBN: 9781851747764  £3.95
Brief introduction to ways a service of Holy Communion might be planned so that children can more fully participate.
Children and Communion: a practical guide for interested churches  
Grove booklet by Peter Reiss  
ISBN: 9781851743858  £3.95  
Currently unlisted by the publisher  
Out of print as of Jan 2016; search online

Children’s Spirituality
Nye; pub Church House Publishing  
Essential reading for understanding how children’s spirituality and faith grow and are nurtured.  
http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/product.asp?id=2395003

Resources for Leaders and Children

Ready to Share One Bread: preparing children for holy communion  
Nick Harding and Sandra Millar; pub SPCK  
http://spckpublishing.co.uk/product/ready-to-share-one-bread/  
Out of print as of Jan 2016; search online

Children & Holy Communion  
Murrie & Pearce; pub. Kevin Mayhew
Very good basic introduction with a simple, 6 part preparation session

Welcome to the Lord’s Table
Withers; pub. BRF
A Communion preparation course for 6 – 11s. A children’s activity book is also available.
http://www.brfonline.org.uk/9781841015040/

I Belong
Urquart; pub. Redemptorist Publications
ISBN: 9780852311707  Pack of one of each £24.00 (RC) or £24.95 (CofE)
Leader’s Guide for a Roman Catholic Communion Preparation course. Common Worship/Anglican version, Children’s, parents’ and special needs books also available.
http://rpbooks.co.uk/products/14/1003/catholic-church/i-belong-pack
http://rpbooks.co.uk/products/29/1359/church-of-england/i-belong-common-worship-pack-1-of-each

Called to His Supper
Leichner; pub. Our Sunday Visitor
ISBN: 9781592763498  £10.38
Catechist’s Roman Catholic Communion Preparation course from America. Children’s book also available
Meet Christ with Joy
Brown; pub. Kevin Mayhew
Roman Catholic Communion preparation course for children. Parents/Catechist’s book also available

Creative Communion
Withers & Sledge; pub. BRF
Workshops and preparation to help the whole church think through aspects of Communion
http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/9781841015330

Your First Communion as a Child in the Anglican Church
Claire Benton-Evans £4.99
A child’s first Communion is a very special occasion. This clear and colourful book will help children to learn all about Holy Communion and what it will mean for them and the Church. It explains what happens in a Communion service and answers a variety of questions that children may have leading up to this important event.