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| **Name** | **Type** | **Size** | **XP Rating** |
| Deacon of Atom | Human | Medium | 4 (65 XP) |

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| **Strength** | 7 (+2) |  | **Armor Class** | 12 (natural) | | **Action Points** | 7 |
| **Perception** | 6 (+1) |  | **Avg. Hit Points** | 49 | | **Hit Dice** | 7d8 + 21 |
| **Endurance** | 8 (+3) |  |  | |  | | |
| **Charisma** | 6 (+1) |  | **Damage Vulnerabilities** | |  | | |
| **Intelligence** | 5 (+0) |  | **Damage Resistances** | |  | | |
| **Agility** | 7 (+2) |  | **Damage Immunities** | | Radiation | | |
| **Luck** | 5 (+0) |  | **Condition Immunities** | |  | | |

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| **Special Traits** | **Special Actions** |
| **Atom's Bulwark.** When the Child would take radiation damage, it instead regains hit points equal to half the damage dealt. Excess hit points past their maximum become temporary hit points.  **Leadership.** Through presence and charisma, whenever a nonhostile creature within 30 feet of the Child makes an attack roll or saving throw they can add a d4 to the total, provided they can hear and understand the Child. A creature can benefit from only one Leadership die at a time. This effect ends if the Child is *incapacitated*. |  |

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| **Monster Description** |
| The Church of the Children of Atom (truncated as the Children of Atom) is a religious cult built around the worship of radiation – “his glow” – and nuclear annihilation as vehicles of creation and life. Derisively called “rad eaters” by outsiders, they are fanatical in their devotion and constantly battle with their neighbors, believing death by radiation is in fact a means of salvation. That they are helping through their destruction. Inversely, they also believe the unworthy are destroyed by radiation; a contradiction skeptics often point out.  Entering the cult is extremely dangerous. Though they gladly accept converts, the process to become a Child revolves around weeks of intensive radiation exposure therapy until one has gained a resistance or even immunity to the power of the atom. Unsurprisingly, most do not survive this trial. Beyond a simple resiliency however, this radiation…changes them. Makes them something more.  To the Children, this is merely the blessing of Atom in physical form. To everyone else, it is a frightening power in the hands of madmen. |