

# Young Apprentices

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## INQUIRY SESSION: BIBLE



### My Story

When you were younger you probably had a special story that you really enjoyed hearing read to you again and again. Today you may have a favorite book whose story you think about from time to time.



### AND THINK

- What are some of your favorite books?
- Why are they your favorites?
- Have you ever read a book that you just could not put down?



### God's Story

The many books of the Bible are organized into two sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament contains the Ten Commandments and many other of God's Laws, history, prophetic books, and wisdom books. The New Testament focuses on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. It contains the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), the Acts of the Apostles, the letters of Saint Paul and other Apostles, and the Book of Revelation.

#### KEY



#### POINTS

- The Bible is also called Sacred Scripture.
- The Bible is the Word of God set down in human language.
- Through the Bible God speaks to us, telling us of his love for us.



### Our Response

Over the last few weeks you have heard many stories about Jesus. Jesus is the main story of God's love. He is the one who came to earth to show and to teach people about God's love for them.



### STOP & SHARE

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- What do you remember about the life and the teachings of Jesus?
- What questions do you have about Jesus?

## Sharing God's Word

With your family, read one or more of the Scriptures listed below. Talk about the meaning of each Scripture.

### **Deuteronomy 11:26-32**

(A Blessing and a Curse)

### **Matthew 5:17-20**

(Teaching About the Law)

### **Acts 2:29-36**

(Peter's Speech at Pentecost)

The above readings are available at [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings).

## Faith Words

### **Apostles**

The Apostles were the first twelve leaders of the Church. Jesus chose them to baptize and teach in his name.

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### **Messiah**

Messiah is the title for Jesus that means he is Christ, the Anointed One God the Father promised to send to save all people.

## Witness of Faith



### **Saint Jerome (341–420)**

When Saint Jerome was young, the Bible was not written in a language people could understand. Jerome could read and understand the Bible because he went to good schools. He knew the Bible was God's Word, and he wanted everyone to be able to read and understand it. The pope gave him the job of translating the Bible from Hebrew and Greek to Latin. It took him thirty years to write it by hand. Jerome's translation became known as the Vulgate Bible and was the standard Bible for the Roman Catholic Church for hundreds of years. Saint Jerome is honored

as one of the four great Doctors (important teachers) of the Western Church. The Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Jerome on September 30.