

Young Apprentices

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INQUIRY SESSION: SACRED SCRIPTURE



My Story

When you were young, did you ever beg your parents to let you watch the same movie over and over again? And did your parents let you do so? That's not unusual!



AND THINK

- *What was that movie?*
- *Why did you want to watch it over and over again?*
- *Who were your favorite characters? Why?*



God's Story

Catholics treasure the forty-six books of the Old Testament and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. This sacred collection of books, the Bible, guides us because it comes to us from God. Human authors, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote what they did to convey God's message to us.

The authors used the human language and cultural images of their day, but the saving message of God is still as true for us today. The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, helps us to interpret and understand the sacred message contained in the Bible.

Of all the books of the Bible, the four Gospel accounts found in the New Testament are held in special regard because their subject matter and focus is Jesus Christ. It is in him that we find Salvation and the fullness of God's Revelation.



Our Response

We can keep going back to the Bible and finding in its pages new and good reminders about how to live as disciples of Jesus. Like the movies you could have watched again and again, we never tire of listening to, learning about, and thinking about God's Word.



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- *What is your favorite story from the Bible?*
- *Why is it your favorite?*

Sharing God's Word

With your family, read one or more of the Scriptures listed below. Share what each passage says about **the Word of God (Sacred Scripture)**.

Psalm 119:105

(Your word is a lamp for my feet)

Matthew 13:18-23

(Explanation of the parable of the Sower)

Luke 11:28

[[B]lessed are those who hear the word of God)

The above readings are available at usccb.org/bible/readings.

Faith Words

Bible

The Bible, or Sacred Scripture, is the Word of God. It tells us about God's love for us and his plan of Salvation for all people.

biblical inspiration

Biblical inspiration is a term that describes the Holy Spirit guiding the human authors of Sacred Scripture so that they faithfully and accurately communicated the Word of God.

Witnesses of Faith



The Four Evangelists

The four Evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, each wrote his account of the Gospel that the Apostles had passed on about Jesus. Matthew paid special attention to the Jewish heritage of the Church and to the great teachings of Jesus. Mark emphasized what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and to walk with him toward the Cross. Luke showed how Salvation in Jesus embraces all people, especially those most in need. John reflected on the inner meaning of Jesus' words and deeds, and wrote in a poetic style. Read Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50, and John 12:1-8 to see how the same event is reported in each of the Gospels in a different way.