

Chapter 3 *God's Word*

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and live by it. *Luke 11:28*

To the Parents:

In chapter 3, your child learned the following:

- The Bible is the Word of God.
- In the Bible we come to know God and how God wants us to live.
- The Gospels teach about Jesus.

Sacred Scriptures tell the stories of salvation history. The Bible is a collection of books, written in many languages over a period of thousands of years under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Old Testament tells us the story of God's Chosen People, Israel, and their experiences of the saving power of God. In the New Testament, the Gospels present the message of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Other parts of the New Testament (the letters, Acts of the Apostles, and Revelation) describe the faith development of the early Church.

To understand the significance of the Scriptures it is important to learn as much as possible about when, where, why, and for whom a particular passage was written. It is also vital that prayer be a part of all Scripture study. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide you when you read and pray the Bible. Ask questions like these: What does this passage tell me about God? What is God asking of me? How is God comforting me? Whom am I being called to forgive?

With Your Child:

1. Share your favorite Bible story with your child. Let him or her tell you his or her favorite story.
2. Make a bookmark for your family Bible. On it write: The Bible is the Word of God.
3. Place your family Bible in a special place. Place flowers or a candle next to it.
4. Together read the story of John the Baptist on the Review and Explore page.