

Chapter 1 *The Bible*

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path. *Psalms 119:105*

To the Parent:

In chapter 1 your child learned the following:

- The Bible is the living Word of God, written by humans and inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Along with Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture is the source of revelation about our faith.
- The Bible is an important part of the everyday life, prayer, and worship of Christians.

The attitude of the Jews gathered at the Water Gate to hear God's Word is the attitude that we should bring to the Bible today—a posture of attentive listening that signals how important the Scriptures are to every aspect of our lives and our faith.

The Church is nourished and challenged by the Word of God. Like the Jews listening to Ezra's proclamation, we gather to hear the Scriptures proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass and in sacramental celebrations. We pray the Scriptures, especially the Psalms, in the Liturgy of the Hours. We turn to the Bible for private prayer and meditation or for small-group study.

With Your Child:

1. Pay special attention to the Scriptures that are proclaimed at the Sunday liturgy and discuss them when you get home.
2. Before dinner together, read a paragraph from the Bible. The Psalms would be a great place to start.
3. Write a short prayer you can say before reading the Scriptures.
4. Together read the story of Saint Jerome found on the Review and Explore page.