

2 Timothy 3:16

Family Formation Home Lesson
Preschool

Week of September 22, 2019
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Bible tells us
how much
God loves us.



START WITH PRAYER

Dear Jesus, as we do this lesson, we ask that you would help us to learn to love the Bible better and that reading the Bible would lead us to love you more!

PREPARATION/SUPPLIES

Markers or crayons, tape, glue, and scissors.

Family Lesson

The Most Important Book EVER

*“All scripture is inspired by God
and is useful for teaching...”*

2 Timothy 3:16



Have you ever heard the words of this song?

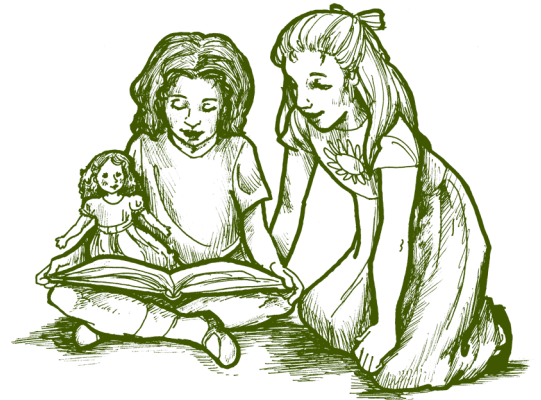
“Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so...”

The Bible teaches us about God. It is written by hands that were guided by God many, many years ago. The Bible is called the Living Word of God. This means the words in it are just as important today as they were long ago.

Jesus still uses the words in the Bible to whisper to our hearts about:

- ◆ His love for us. (See Romans 5:8.)
- ◆ His promise to be with us always. (See Matthew 28:20.)
- ◆ He teaches us how to be happy. (See Matthew 5:1-12.)
- ◆ He teaches us how to treat other people. (See Matthew 22:36-40.)

The best book EVER written is the Bible. Unlike other books, the Bible is a book that we will read all of our lives. No matter how old we are, or how many times we have read the story, God uses these words to bring us closer to Him. Every time we attend Mass we will hear readings from the Bible. Our response to hearing these read are “Thanks be to God” and “Praise be to God.”



But we do not have to wait until Mass to listen to the Bible. When we have a Bible in our home, we can hear God’s word anytime! Listening to Scripture daily will help us know of Jesus’ love and help us to follow Him.

Extra, Extra for Parents

Parents, the Bible provides each of us the guidance we need for our everyday living. It is so important that the first half of the Holy Mass is centered on the Bible.

We are to model for our children the desire to read, understand, and live by God’s holy and inspired Word. The best way to give our children this solid faith foundation is to lead by example and read the Bible daily. Find a children’s Bible with pictures and set aside 10 minutes each day to read to your child. Seek the Lord your God each day by reading His inspired Word – the Bible!

Light Switch Cover

Before you turn out your light at bedtime each night, remember to read the Bible!

Materials Needed:

light switch wall plate cover (provided)
markers
glue and tape
scissors

Directions:

1. Have your child color the wall plate and flower patterns provided. Then cut out these pattern pieces. Have your child glue the flowers on the newly colored light switch wall plate. See picture.
2. Tape the newly decorated wall plate *ON TOP* of the current one.



Door Hanger

This will be a another reminder for your child of the importance of reading the Bible.

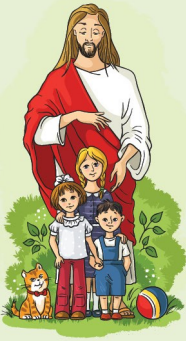
Materials Needed:

door hanger (provided)
markers
scissors

Directions:

1. Cut out the rectangular door hanger. Follow the dotted line to cut out the circle.
2. Have your child write his/her name on the black line.
3. Color the door hanger.
4. Have your child hang this on the doorknob of his/her bedroom as a reminder of the importance of learning from reading or listening to the Bible each day.





Therefore, like the Christian religion itself, all the preaching of the Church must be nourished and regulated by Sacred Scripture. For in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them; and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life.

Dei Verbum, 21

HOW IS A PROTESTANT BIBLE DIFFERENT FROM A CATHOLIC BIBLE?

The Catholic Bible consists of 73 books; 46 of them are in the Old Testament, and 27 are in the New Testament. A Protestant version includes only 66 books. The differences can be found in what are known as the Deuterocanonical (Greek for “second canon”) books.

At the end of the second century B.C., all of the books that we now include in the Old Testament were recognized as part of the official collection of books for all Jews. It is certain that neither Christ nor the apostles ever challenged the value of this work, the Septuagint, as there are many direct and indirect references to it in the New Testament. During the last century before Christ and the first century A.D., the Jews of Palestine eliminated several books from the existing collection. These books are: Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, 1 and 2 Maccabees and parts of Esther and Daniel. These books became known as the Deuterocanonical books because, at that time, they were only found in the Christian canon. The Deuterocanonical Books have a well established history, being a part of both the Septuagint and the Vulgate (Saint Jerome’s Latin translation of Scripture).

Martin Luther rejected the Deuterocanonical books of the Old Testament because they contained verses that did not agree with his own personal teachings. For example, 2 Maccabees 12:45 says that it is “*holy and pious*” to pray for the dead. All Protestant denominations have followed Luther in his rejection of these books.

Luther also rejected the books of Hebrews, James, Jude, and Revelation because they contradicted his teachings. Later, though, these books were accepted by Protestants, leaving no differences between the New Testament of Catholics and Protestants.

