

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter focuses on the *Liturgy of the Word*, the first main part of Mass in which we hear God's Word in the Bible.

God's Word



Read **Luke 13:18–21** to find out what Jesus said about the Kingdom of God.

Catholics Believe

- In the Liturgy of the Word, God's living Word is read.
- We profess what we believe about God and pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1154, 1349 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

In this chapter, your child met the great Apostle, Saint Paul. He wrote many letters that are part of the New Testament.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Liturgy of the Word Children at this age might not have yet picked up the connection between the Lectionary readings in Mass. Paying attention to the relationship between each Sunday's passages from the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament, and Gospel will help your child's overall understanding of the Scriptures and will encourage more active participation in the Mass. Some discussion about the readings prior to Mass can help to facilitate this. The readings for each Sunday can be found on the U.S. Bishops' site at usccb.org/nab.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you long to hear God's voice?

Longing for God's presence is part of our human experience. Our desire for God is written in our hearts because man is created by God and for God. "Every human person seeks to know the truth and to experience goodness. Moral goodness appeals to us. . . . The more we become aware of these truths, the more we are drawn to the reality of God who is the Supreme Good. These are the seeds of eternity within us that have their origins only in God" (*USCCA, p. 4*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to describe what happens in the Liturgy of the Word, the first main part of the Mass (readings, homily, creed, Prayer of the Faithful).
- Talk about times you have read the Bible as a family or when you were a child or adult.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Paul, help us understand the Bible and listen carefully to the readings at Mass. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.