

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter teaches about the Bible, the holy book of the Church and its two parts—the Old Testament and the New Testament—that contain stories about God and his love for us.

God's Word



Read **Matthew 13:10–15** to find out why Jesus used parables to teach.

Catholics Believe

- Jesus told short stories, or parables, to teach others something about God.
- The Bible is the Word of God written in human words.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #134–139 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Paul of the Cross. He added the words “of the Cross” to his name to remember Jesus’ sacrifice.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Parables of Jesus Children at this age are very concrete thinkers. They learn through their senses and often take things literally. Because of this, they may not grasp the meaning of Jesus’ parables, even with explanation. However, familiarity with these important stories Jesus told can lay the foundation for a later, deeper understanding of Jesus’ teaching. When your child knows Jesus’ parables, it will be easier to teach the great truths they convey when he or she is ready to understand.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

What is your favorite family story?

Stories of our personal history help us to discover that we are part of a bigger picture. Being a member of the Church helps us to be connected to the stories of salvation history. “The Holy Trinity brought the Church into being. The Father called the Church into existence. The Son established the Church. The Holy Spirit filled the Church with power and wisdom at Pentecost. The Holy Trinity abides with the Church always, creatively and providentially” (*USCCA, pp. 112–113*).

LET’S TALK >>>

- Have your child explain what the Bible is.
- Share one of your favorite stories from the Old or New Testaments.

LET’S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help our family always remember the good things you have done for us and to share those stories with others. Amen.



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