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# Learning about God

## Where is God's Word written?

God wants people to believe in him and to love him. He wants you to remember his special love. Here is a story about God's love for his People.

### God's Word

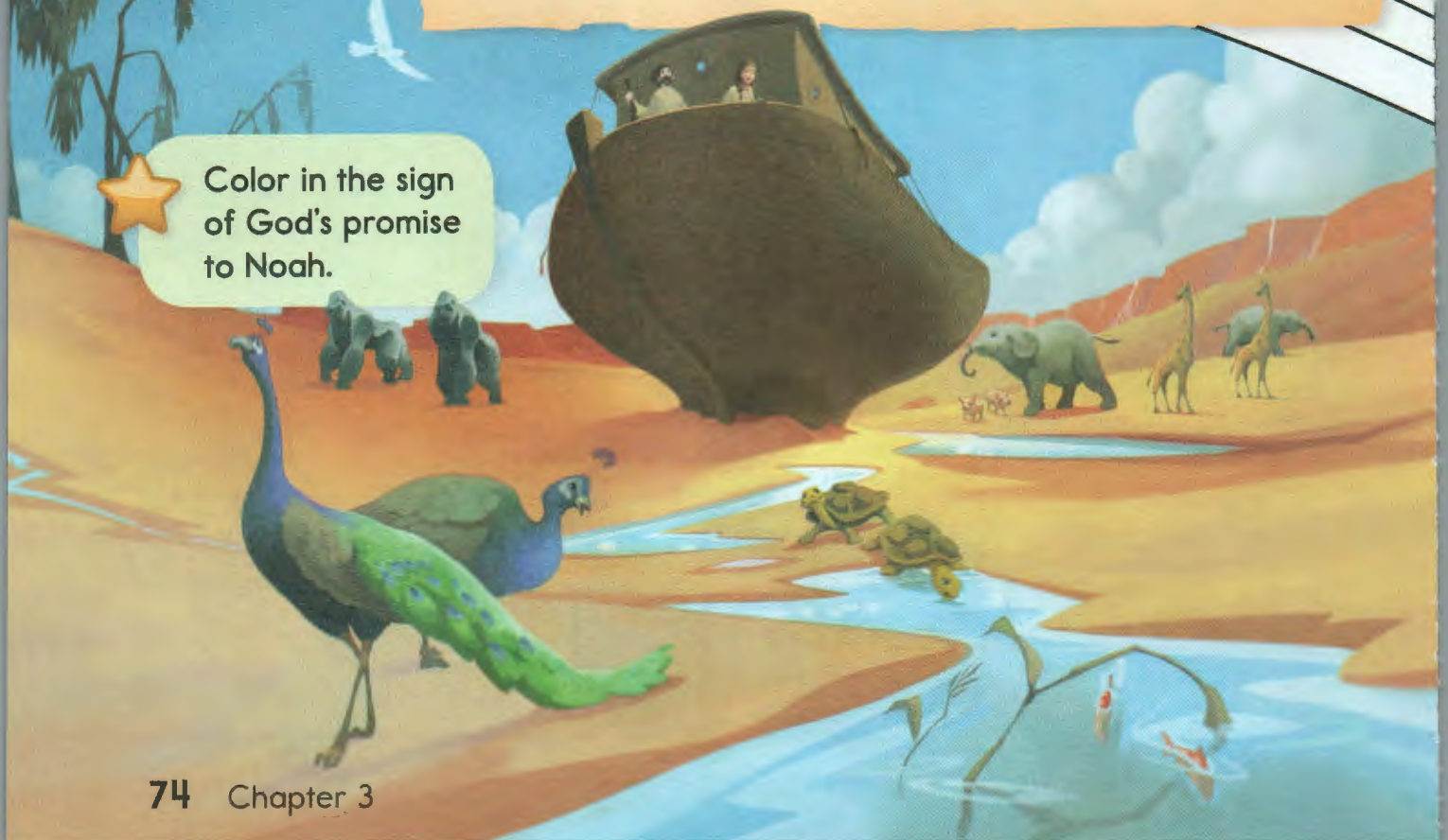
#### The Great Flood

Once God told Noah to build a large boat called an ark. He told Noah and his family to put all different kinds of animals on the ark, too. A great flood came, and the rains poured down for forty days. Noah's family and the animals were safe on the ark.

Then the rains stopped and the sun came out. Noah praised God for saving his family. God promised that he would always take care of his People. The rainbow was a sign of God's promise. **Based on Genesis 6-9**



Color in the sign of God's promise to Noah.



# The Word of God

## Let Us Pray

**Leader:** Your Word, O God, teaches us each day.

“Your word, LORD, stands forever,  
it is firm as the heavens.” **Psalm 119:89**

**All:** Thank you, God, for your Word. Amen.

## God's Word

“And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground. A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people ... came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases.” **Luke 6:17-18**

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### What Do You Wonder?

- What does Jesus say to you?
- How will you listen for Jesus?

## The Bible

You can find stories of God's love in a special book called the **Bible**. The Bible is the Word of God written in human words. God guided the human writers to write about him and his saving actions. In the Bible, God tells you about himself and his plan for you. Another name for the Bible is Sacred Scripture.

The Bible has two main parts. The **Old Testament** is the first part of the Bible. It is about the friendship between God and his People before the birth of Jesus. In this part of the Bible, there are history books, law books, poetry, stories, and songs. The story of Noah's Ark is in the Old Testament.

### Catholic Faith Words

**Bible** the Word of God written in human words. The Bible is the holy book of the Church.

**Old Testament** the first part of the Bible about God and his People before Jesus was born

### Share Your Faith

**Think** What is one thing you know about God? Write it here.

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**Share** Talk with a partner about how you learned this.



The modern-day region of Galilee, Israel, where Jesus lived and taught.

## Jesus' Message

### When do you read or hear Bible stories?

Jesus knew the stories of God and his People. Jesus told many stories also. These stories helped people know and love God the Father. Jesus helped people love God by his actions, too.

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1. Underline things that Jesus said and did.
2. Circle the reasons that people followed Jesus.



### God's Word

#### Jesus Teaches and Heals

Jesus went all around Galilee. He taught in the synagogues where the Jewish people studied Scripture and prayed. He told people about the Good News of God's Kingdom. He healed many people who were ill.

Jesus became well-known. People from different cities came to hear Jesus teach. They brought their friends who could not walk, and Jesus cured them. Large crowds followed Jesus wherever he went.

Based on Matthew 4:23-25

## Read About Jesus

You can learn about Jesus by reading the **New Testament**. The New Testament is the second part of the Bible. It is about the life and teachings of Jesus and his followers. The first four books are called Gospels. There are also letters written by Jesus' followers to the new Christians.



## Listen to God's Word

Every Sunday during Mass, you hear readings from the Old and New Testaments. You also hear God's Word when you read Bible stories with your family. You can read or act out some of these stories with family or friends. When you gather with others to learn about your faith and pray, you often hear Bible stories or psalms.

### Catholic Faith Words

**New Testament** the second part of the Bible about the life and teachings of Jesus, his followers, and the early Church

### Connect Your Faith

**Write About Jesus** Imagine you are talking to a group of younger children. What would you say to them about Jesus? Write three words that tell about him.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Our Catholic Life

## How can you learn about and share God's love?

Jesus treated people kindly. He did not care if people were young, old, healthy, or sick. He cared for all people. Jesus teaches us how to live. You can learn about God the Father's love from Jesus. Then, you can share his love.



1. Write in one way you can learn about God's love this week.
2. Write in one way you will share God's love this week.



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### Ways to Learn about God's Love

Read the Bible with our families.



Gather with our parish to worship.



Take part in religion class.



Sing songs about Jesus.



1. \_\_\_\_\_

### Ways to Share God's Love

Listen to our parents.



Treat people kindly.



Tell others stories about Jesus.



Include everyone in our games.



2. \_\_\_\_\_



# People of Faith

## Saint Luke, first century

Saint Luke was a follower of Jesus. He learned about Jesus from Saint Paul and probably the Apostles and Mary. He wrote down their stories about Jesus in what became one of the Gospels. In his Gospel, Luke talks about Jesus' birth and also how Jesus cared for people who were poor, sick, and lonely. Luke traveled with Saint Paul. He wrote down stories about their trips in another book of the Bible called the Acts of the Apostles. Luke was also a doctor and a painter.



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**Discuss:** What is your favorite story about Jesus?



Learn more about  
Saint Luke at  
[aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com)

## Live Your Faith

**Draw a Bible Story** Think about a time when you heard a Bible story about God's love. Draw part of that Bible story here.

 Let Us Pray

## Pray with God's Word

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

**Leader:** The Bible is God's holy Word.  
It is as sure as the sky above.  
It is as solid as the Earth below.  
Let us listen, follow, and honor God's holy Word.

**All:** We will listen to God's Word in the Bible.

**Reader:** Read John 1:1-2

**All:** We will live by God's good Word in the Bible.

Follow the leader in a procession.  
Then honor the Bible by bowing before it.

**All:** We will honor God's good Word in the Bible.

 Sing "Your Words Are Spirit and Life"

Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:  
richer than gold, stronger than death.  
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:  
life everlasting.

Based on Psalm 19:8-11: Text and Music.  
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## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains how the Old Testament and New Testament are the Bible, God's inspired Word.

### God's Word



Read **Luke 6:17–18** to learn more about listening to God's Word.

### Catholics Believe

- God tells his People about himself through the Bible.
- The Bible is God's Word written by humans.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #61, 69 at [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Luke, author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, which recounts the story of the early Church.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand the Bible** As Catholics we believe that the Bible is God's Word. At first, your child might have trouble understanding how Scripture is the Word of God, but was written down by human beings. Children this age might think that God somehow delivered the Bible as a book to humankind or literally dictated each word that was written. Over time your child will understand better that the Holy Spirit inspired people of faith to write down what is in the Bible, and that Scripture reflects the culture and personalities of the writers while still transmitting God's message at its core.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

What gives you inspiration?

Did you know that "Sacred Scripture is inspired by God and is the Word of God. Therefore, God is the author of Sacred Scripture, which means he inspires the human authors, acting in and through them.... *Inspiration* is the word used for the divine assistance given to the human authors of the books of Sacred Scripture. This means that guided by the Holy Spirit, the human authors made full use of their talents and abilities while, at the same time, writing what God intended. Sacred Scripture is inspired by God and is the Word of God. Therefore, God is the author of Sacred Scripture, which means he inspired the human authors, acting in and through them" (*USCCA, p. 26–27*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name one thing he or she learned about the Bible.
- Share one of your favorite stories about Jesus and any family memories you have that include the Bible.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Luke, help us to always listen to each other. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

# Chapter 3 Review

**A Work with Words** Write the letter of the word or words from the Word Bank to complete each sentence.

1. The Bible is  Word.
2. The New Testament tells about .
3. The first part of the Bible is the .
4. One name for the Bible is Sacred .
5. The first four books of the  Testament are the Gospels.

## Word Bank

- a. Old Testament
- b. Jesus
- c. God's
- d. New
- e. Scripture

**B Check Understanding** Circle the correct answer.

6. The Old Testament tells about \_\_\_\_ and his Chosen People.  
Jesus                      God                      Adam
7. You can read the \_\_\_\_ to learn about God's love.  
newspaper                      hymnal                      Bible
8. When you \_\_\_\_ you share God's love.  
are kind                      are unkind                      steal
9. The New Testament is about Jesus' life and \_\_\_\_.  
teachings                      friends                      pets
10. You hear God's \_\_\_\_ when you read Bible stories.  
songs                      laugh                      Word

