# FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHE

## 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 **usccb.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?

"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.... *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, pp. 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.



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