

Family Lesson & Activity – Week of Oct. 18, 2020

THE MASS & THE BIBLE



Mass and the participation of the faithful in the Eucharist are considered by the Church the primary means of education in the faith. Additionally, the Church also teaches “*Parental involvement in all parish catechetical programs for children is essential.*” To keep faith formation simple but significant this year, Mass will be the primary focus of faith formation. Participation in Mass will be accompanied by a brief *family* lesson and activity (for Kindergarten, and 3rd through 8th) focused on the Mass and done *together* as a family. Mom and/or Dad will lead these simple lessons.

BIBLE TAB - FAMILY ACTIVITY

This first week each family has been provided a bible along with bible tabs. Once the tabs are in place, it will be much easier to locate the Mass related bible passages going forward. Please follow the directions in your Bible tab packet in order to properly place each one of the tabs on the correct page of the Bible. Parents will need to assist.

- ❖ Start with New Testament tabs this week.
- ❖ Complete Old Testament tabs this week or next week.
- ❖ Look up Gospel passage for Sunday, Oct. 25 (**Matthew 22:34-40**). Instructions are on the reverse side of this page.
- ❖ Family members can take turns reading the passage out loud.



See Reverse Side for Lesson ➡

THE FIRST LESSON

Did you know?

At Mass, in the three year cycle of Bible readings, almost the entire New Testament and all of the critical points of the Old Testament will be heard.

What is the Bible?

It is Sacred Scripture (Holy writings) revealing God's truths for the purpose of our salvation (how we can be saved so that we can go to Heaven).

Who wrote the Bible?

Human authors, who were inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote the Bible. Therefore it has God as the author and teaches faithfully, without error, the saving truth God gives to us.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

The 46 books of the Bible that record the history of salvation. It begins with the creation of the world and reveals the history of God's promise with His chosen people of Israel.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

The 27 books of the Bible which record the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The promises given in the Old Testament to the Jewish people are fulfilled in the New Testament by the appearance of Jesus Christ who reveals that he is the savior of all people.

GOSPEL (in the New Testament)

Gospel: means the "good news" of God's mercy and love revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

- **There are four (4) Gospels.** They were written by the evangelists.
 1. Matthew
 2. Mark
 3. Luke
 4. John- Try to locate the Four Gospels in the Bible

How to Find Bible Passages

- **Chapter and Verses:** Each Gospel is broken up into Chapters and then Verses which are numbered. Every Chapter numbers all of the sentences beginning with number 1. This makes it easier to find passages in the bible.
- **How it looks:**

Matthew 22: 34-40

Gospel - The name of the Gospel comes first – in the above example it is **Matthew**.
Chapter- Then comes the number of the Chapter - in the above example it is Chapter **22**
Verses- After the colon (:) is listed the verses – the above example show verses **34-40**

Try to find the above Gospel passage which is for Sunday Mass, Oct. 25. Read it out loud.

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