

Lesson 2 – The Word of God in Sacred Scripture

Grade 7 – Chapter 2

KEY CONCEPT

We can come to know God through all that He has created and through human reason.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Focus on learning your children's names

- This is the simplest way to demonstrate they matter to you
- Greet them at the door as they arrive
- Continue to let them know you better and use your personal experiences to relate into the curriculum
- Remember what Theodore Roosevelt wrote: “People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Begin in prayer

- **Ask for open ears to hear what God is saying to us through scripture**
- **Ask for understanding of what God wants us to hear**

Scripture Background

- **Have them discuss the 'Have you ever thought...?' questions with people near them before sharing with the whole group.**

Skip 'Who, Where, and What in the Bible'

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

God Speaks in Human Words:

- **God inspires**
 - **Emphasize that God wants us to know Him and that He created us to be in relationship with Him. Scripture helps us learn about who God is through prayer. Encourage kids to pray about understanding more of who God is.**

Literary Forms in the Bible:

- **Go over each of these terms with the whole class and then split the class to find the examples given in the book. Have them go around and share what they found.**
- **Outline activity**

Importance of the Gospels

- **Encourage the kids to start reading the Gospels to learn about Jesus' story.**

Conversations with God

- **Optional – this can be personal reflection time where they read the text individually and then they read the scripture passage and**
 - **1) pick a word or phrase that sticks out to them**
 - **2) think about why that sticks out to them and what God wants them to hear from that phrase**
 - **3) Apply that word or phrase to their daily life to become a better version of themselves**
- **Optional Activity: Voices**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Emphasize that learning about God's story will help us to understand more about who He is. This will deepen our *relationship* with Him. Encourage them to play around with a bible, starting in the Gospels.**
- **Skip "Prayer of Petition"**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Close in prayer together

- **Encourage them to think about their relationship with God. What role does He play in their life right now?**