

Getting Ready for Chapter 3

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God's Word Teaches Us

This chapter teaches the children that the readings at Mass come from the Bible, the book that tells us about God's love and how to follow Jesus. The children will learn that God chose special people to write the Bible and that we call the Bible the "Word of God." They will hear about two men whose lives were changed by reading the Bible.

ACTIVITY

A Bible Story Picture Help your child draw a picture of a favorite Bible story and write a title for the drawing. Place the picture in a special place where your child will see it throughout the week.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Listen to the Gospel and the homily. At home, invite family members to tell what they would have said in the homily.

On the Web

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Saint of The Week



St. Augustine of Hippo
(354–430)

Augustine lived with gusto, having a wild life and getting into much trouble. After reading God's word in the Bible, he repented and became a fervent Christian. Augustine's writings defended the faith of the Church against heresy.

Patron Saint of: theologians
Fest Day: August 28



A Prayer for the Week

We thank you, Lord, for giving us the Bible. Help us learn how you want us to speak and act after hearing your holy word. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of the Early Church

Chariots Chariots served two purposes in the history of Israel. The first was as attack vehicles, used in battle by King David and King Solomon. The second was as transportation for the rich and powerful. There was usually a separate driver who guided the chariot. The owner, often a member of the royal court, such as the Ethiopian in Chapter 3, might read or just enjoy the view.

You can read about the conversion of the Ethiopian in Acts 8:26–40.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Art

Hand-copied Bibles During the Middle Ages, monks from northern Africa, the Near East, and Europe made books by hand-copying every word. European monks became well known for copying the Bible many times. Painters, called illuminators, illustrated the Bibles using bright colors and lavish gold to create pictures called illuminations. These Bibles are treasures. They represent the monks' love for the Word of God. They are extraordinary works of art and holy keepsakes of our Catholic tradition.