

## Getting Ready for Chapter 9

# Take Home



## God's Word Feeds Us

If we look all around us at the splendor of creation, we can see that a loving God exists and cares for us. But God does much more than just create the world. He also reveals his divine love for us through his Word. God has given us the Scriptures and the Eucharist to nourish our souls and draw us closer to him.

### ACTIVITY

**Illustrating a Scripture Story** Select a Scripture story for the family to illustrate. You might choose one of the parables, such as the Lost Sheep. Invite each family member to illustrate a scene, and then take turns retelling the story.

## WEEKLY PLANNER

### On Sunday

Listen carefully to the Scripture readings. After Mass, discuss with your family what you learned from the readings.

### On the Web

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Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

### Saint of the Week



**Saint Jerome**  
(A.D. 340–420)

Saint Jerome was born in Dalmatia (present-day Croatia) to a rich pagan family. He converted to Christianity and became a priest. He was commissioned by Pope Damasus I to translate the Bible into Latin. Jerome's translation, called the *Vulgate*, is still in use today.

**Patron Saint of:** Bible scholars  
**Feast Day:** September 30



### A Prayer for the Week

Lord, thank you for revealing your Word to us through Sacred Scripture. Like Saint Jerome, help us to love your Word and to be witnesses to your truth. Amen.

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### Scripture Background

#### In the Time of Jesus

**On the Road to Emmaus** On the day of Jesus' Resurrection, two of his disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, discussing the tremendous events of the previous days. As they walked along, the Risen Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize him. It was not until they stopped to share a meal that the disciples realized that the stranger with them was Jesus. The exact location of Emmaus is not known, but it is believed to have been at the village of Amwas. The name "Emmaus" means "warm wells."

Read about Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13–35.

## OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Literature

**J.R.R. Tolkien** J.R.R. Tolkien (1892–1973) is the author of two of the best-loved classics of the twentieth century, *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. Tolkien, a devout Catholic, was a scholar and professor of Anglo-Saxon at the University of Oxford. Over a fifteen-year period, he created the fantastical world of Middle-Earth with its hobbits, elves, dwarves, and wizards. Tolkien wrote *The Hobbit* for his own children. Surprised by its success, his publishers encouraged him to write a sequel, which resulted in his greatest and most famous work, *The Lord of the Rings*.