God Speaks to Us in Scripture

GRADE 4

CHAPTER 2 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 2.***

God's Word is sacred. He reveals himself to us in Scripture, the written Word of God. The word *Scripture* means "holy writing."

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The Church teaches that the Holy Spirit inspired the human authors to record the truth God wants us to know for our salvation. That is why we say God is the author of Scripture.

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The Bible is made up of many books of Scripture written over 2,000 years ago. The books of the Bible are divided into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. Their fundamental message is that God loves us and wants us to know and love him.

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The Old Testament has 46 books that tell about God's relationship with his people before the birth of Jesus and his plan of salvation for all people.

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Some Old Testament books record the messages God gave his people through the prophets. Each prophet reminded God's people how they were supposed to live.

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God's people prayed and sang the psalms, and Jesus did, too. We say them or sing them at the Mass and other public prayer.

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The New Testament has 27 books about Jesus' life and teaching and the early Church. There are four Gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus, our Savior, who offers us eternal life.

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