

Celebrating the Sunday of the word of God.

Theme: The word of God.

Setting: Table, white cloth, crucifix, Bible, candle.

Formation level: Confirmation/RCIA

Duration: 1hr

Objective: prayerful study of the bible

*Blessed are those
who hear the word
of God and obey it.*



Luke 11:28

“He opened their minds to understand the scripture” (Lk 24:45).

This is the verse in which the Holy Father opened his apostolic letter

“**APERUIT ILLIS**”. He exhorts the faithful’s to prayerfully *read* the word of God.

For most Catholics, the phrase “The word of God” usually refers to Sacred Scripture, God’s inspired word. However, the phrase has many meanings. The phrase also refers to: the pre-existent word, the second person of the TRINITY; Gods’ word at creation through whom everything that exist came into being; Jesus himself, the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us; Church tradition which faithfully echoes the Word of God to every generation.

The Word of God is central to the public worship life of the Church. That is why God’s word is proclaimed at every Eucharistic gathering, at every celebration of the sacrament and during the liturgy of the word. ***Sacred scripture and the sacraments are thus inseparable. When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God’s word, they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge his saving work. (Aperuit illis par8)***

The word of God is also essential to private spiritual life, it is a way of conversing with God, and He teaches us the truth that we need for the sake of our salvation. The Church therefore encourages us to make reading the Bible part of our daily prayer lives. By reading these inspired words, we grow deeper in the relationship with God and come to understand our place in the community God has called us to himself. **St Jerome once said, ignorance is scripture is ignorance of Christ.**

Points for reflection

1. How does the Church, my parents and catechist, help me to understand the Word of God?
2. How can I put the Word of God at the center of my life?

Activity

1. What do you understand by the Word of God?
2. What does the Holy Father encourage the faithful to do?
3. Why is the word of God essential to our spiritual life?

Prayer

I thank you, Lord, for inspiring sacred authors to write your Word.

Give me wisdom to understand the message you want to give me, open my hearts to your word. **Amen**

WORD OF GOD

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GOD
 BELIEVE
 SHARP
 UNDERSTAND
 ALIVE
 SPIRIT
 SOUL
 KNOWLEDGE
 FAITH
 WORD
 BOLDNESS
 JESUS
 LAMP
 HOLY
 HEART
 TRUTH

Bible reflections;

Isaiah 55:10-11

Lk4:44:5:1

Lk 8:11-15

Lk3:2-3

Acts 4:31

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Hebrew 4:11-13

Hebrews 11: