

Sacred Scripture - the Bible

FOCUS

1. The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus Christ.
2. The four names of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, have been traditionally associated with authorship of the New Testament Gospels.
3. The Gospels were written between the years AD 50 -100.
4. Ruth and Esther, women of the Old Testament, were remembered by the people of Israel for their faith and trust in God.
5. Angels serve and worship God.
6. The work of angels is to give glory to God and participate in God's saving mission.
7. We call Mary the mother of God because Jesus is God.

In these lessons your child may have:

- developed an understanding of the four Gospel writers and how the Gospels came to be written;
- listened and responded to the story of Ruth and Naomi;
- listened and responded to the story of Esther;
- explored what angels are and what they do;
- become familiar with angels as mentioned in Scripture;
- explored Scripture stories relating to Mary.

Luke 1:1-4

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Ruth 1:15-18,22

Naomi said . . . "Go back, each of you to your mother's house . . ." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you and to stop going with you, for wherever you go, I shall go, wherever you live, I shall live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

Luke 1:19

The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news."

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

The following are suggested activities for you to do with your child.

1. Discuss with your child the notion of story – we have a family story, a community story and a national story. Ask your child about the stories in the Bible.
2. When you go to Mass encourage your child to take note of which Gospel is used.
3. Encourage your child to retell the stories of Esther and Ruth.
4. As a family read the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke. Assist your child to identify the events where God's angel delivers a message from God.
5. Discuss with your child the difference between God's holy angels and how angels are portrayed in the media and secular world.
6. Encourage your child to explore images of Mary from different cultures. These can be found on the internet.
7. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on **Home Activities**.

TO REMEMBER:

*Jesus Christ is the heart and centre
of Sacred Scripture.*

