

Session 7

# The Liturgy of the Word





# 😊 Connect — Opening Activity

## Jesus opens the Scriptures

Jesus wants to touch our hearts with his Word in the Bible. When we go to Mass, Jesus is teaching us from the Scriptures, just like he taught his disciples on the road to Emmaus! Place the stickers and color the picture.





# Let's Live It

## God's Love in the Liturgy

God had a special plan of love for us from the beginning of the world. At Mass, we hear about God's loving plan in the Liturgy of the Word.

Directions: Write the letter of the correct answer in the blanks below.

- \_\_\_ 1. We begin our readings from the Old Testament.
- \_\_\_ 2. We stand and say all the things we believe as Catholics.
- \_\_\_ 3. This reading comes from the New Testament letters.
- \_\_\_ 4. The priest explains the readings to us.
- \_\_\_ 5. The part of the Mass where we hear the Scripture readings.
- \_\_\_ 6. These rites begin the Mass and prepare us for the Liturgy of the Word.
- \_\_\_ 7. We pray to the Lord for our parish, our community, and the world.
- \_\_\_ 8. We sing one of the Psalms.
- \_\_\_ 9. The priest or deacon reads about Jesus's life from the Gospels.

## WORD BANK

- A. Introductory Rites
- B. Liturgy of the Word
- C. First Reading
- D. Responsorial Psalm
- E. Second Reading
- F. Gospel
- G. Homily
- H. Creed
- I. Prayers of the Faithful

*"In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God."*

—John 1:1



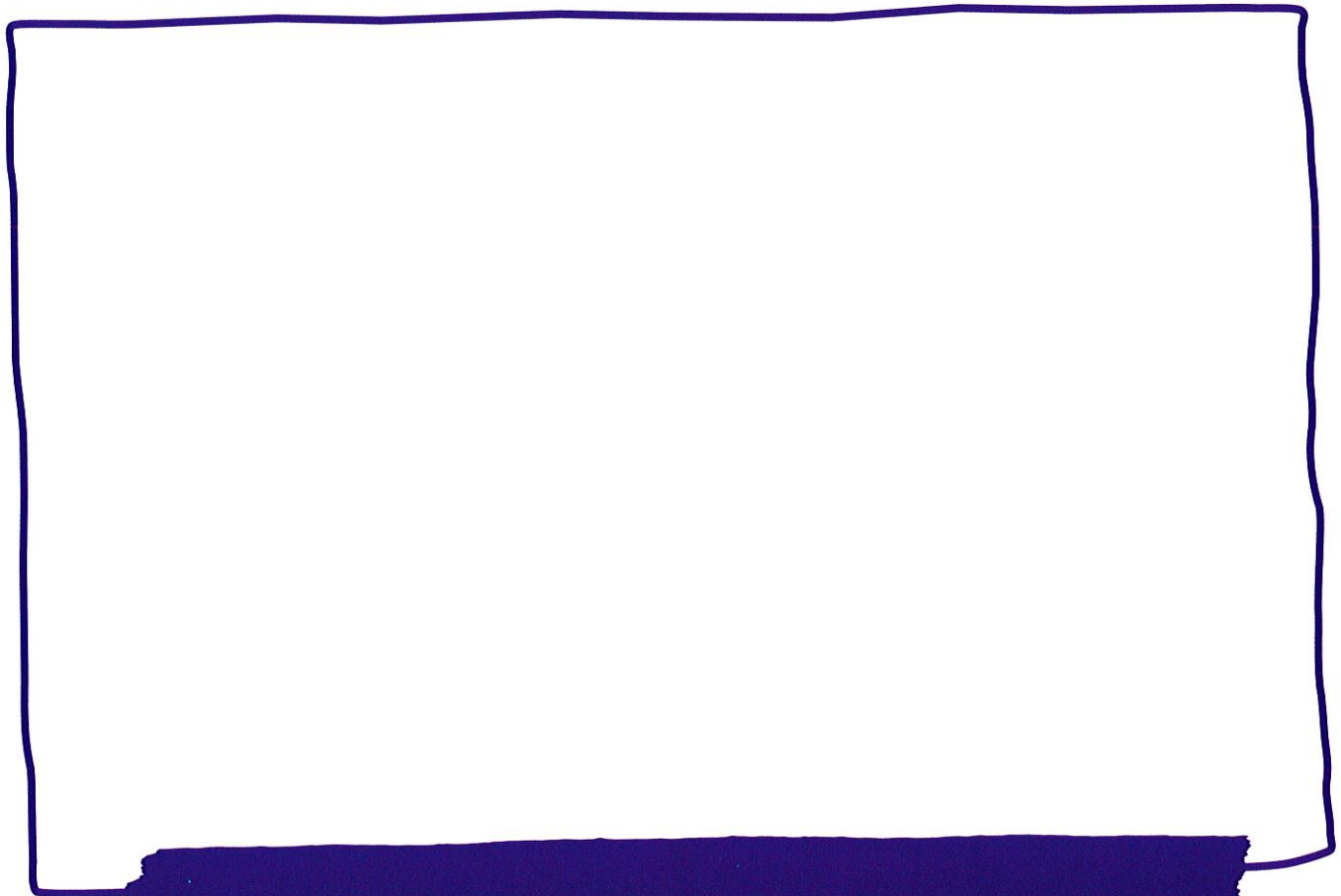
## Growing the Word in Our Hearts

When we listen to God's Word at Mass, it is like a seed planted in our hearts. We can water and take care of that seed with our love and good actions.

Write on the lines below one or two things you can do to take care of the seed God planted in your heart. Then draw a picture of how that seed will grow into a beautiful plant when you are loving to God and others.

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**Jesus Said,**

*"As for [seeds] in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience."*

—Luke 8:15



## Things We Learned This Week

1. The Mass is one act of worship with two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
2. The first part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word, in which we hear readings from Holy Scripture.
3. After the readings, we pray the Creed, which is a statement of all that we believe as Catholics and is our response of faith to the Word of God.
4. The entire Liturgy of the Word shows God's loving plan of salvation and prepares our hearts for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Check out [formed.org](http://formed.org) for free access to reflections on the Sunday Mass readings with *Opening the Word*.

## Let's Talk About It

1. **Jesus wants us to know how much he loves us, so he teaches us about God's plan each time we go to Mass. What are some things we can do to listen better to the readings at Mass?**
2. **Talk about your favorite story from the Bible. What does that story mean to you? What do you think God is saying to you?**
3. **Discuss with your son or daughter some ways that your family can read the Bible more often. Ideas might include keeping a Bible in a special place for all to use.**



## Let's Read God's Word

### The Road to Emmaus – Part 1

The Scripture reading for this week's lesson was from Luke 24:13–27. Please take time to read and reflect on this passage as a family.



## Lo que aprendimos esta semana:

1. La Misa es un acto de adoración con dos partes: La liturgia de la Palabra y la liturgia de la Eucaristía.
2. La primera parte de la Misa se llama la liturgia de la Palabra, donde escuchamos lecturas de las Sagradas Escrituras.
3. Después de las lecturas, hacemos la oración del Credo, que es una declaración de todo lo que creemos como católicos y es nuestra respuesta de fe a la Palabra de Dios.
4. Toda la liturgia de la Palabra nos muestra el plan amoroso de salvación de Dios y prepara nuestros corazones para la liturgia de la Eucaristía.

## ¡Hablemos Sobre Esto!

1. Jesús quiere que sepamos cuánto nos ama, así que nos instruye sobre el plan de Dios, cada vez que vamos a Misa y escuchamos las lecturas de la Biblia. ¿Cuáles son algunas cosas que podemos hacer para escuchar más atentamente las lecturas en la Misa?
2. Platica sobre tu historia favorita de la Biblia. ¿Qué significa la historia para ti? ¿Qué crees que Dios te está diciendo en esa historia de las Escrituras?
3. Habla con tu hijo(a) sobre algunas formas en que tu familia podría leer la Biblia más seguido. Algunas ideas pueden ser: tener una Biblia en un lugar especial para que todos la usen, buscar algún recurso o alguna aplicación en línea, que muestre las lecturas diarias de las Sagradas Escrituras.



## Leamos la Palabra de Dios

### El Camino a Emaús – Parte 1

La lectura de las Sagradas Escrituras para la lección de esta semana fue del Evangelio de San Lucas 24:13–27. Por favor tomen tiempo para leer y reflexionar sobre este pasaje en familia.



## Family Fun Activity

This week we talked about God's Word taking root in our hearts like a seed in fertile soil. A fun activity to do this week is to plant your "seeds of faith!" First, go to the store and buy a small clay pot and some soil and a packet of seeds. Make sure to decorate the pot with your child while you discuss how we need to make our hearts like good soil by listening to the Word of God at Mass and paying attention. This will help your child truly understand that this is a symbol of the fertile soil of your family's faith and the seeds are a symbol of God's Word taking root in your hearts. What a fun way to bring this lesson to life, as you watch your plant grow just like your faith!

## Our Family Prays Together

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.





## ¡Actividad Familiar Divertida!

Esta semana se habló de la Palabra de Dios que nace en nuestros corazones, como la semilla en tierra fértil. Para entenderlo mejor, esta semana compren una pequeña maceta de barro, tierra y semillas. Decoren juntos la maceta. Explícale a tu hijo(a) que, de la misma forma, necesitamos tener nuestros corazones como una tierra fértil (fe en nuestro hogar), al escuchar la Palabra de Dios en la Misa y poniendo atención. La semilla es símbolo de la Palabra de Dios que echa raíz en nuestros corazones.

¡Así la lección se entenderá mejor al observar la planta crecer, al igual que nuestra fe!



## Joremos Juntos En Familia!

### El Credo

Creo en Dios, Padre Todopoderoso,  
Creador del cielo y de la tierra.  
Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo,  
Nuestro Señor,  
que fue concebido por obra y gracia del  
Espíritu Santo,  
nació de Santa María Virgen,  
padebió bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato  
fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado,  
descendió a los infiernos,  
al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos,  
subió a los cielos  
y está sentado a la derecha de Dios, Padre  
todopoderoso.  
Desde allí ha de venir a juzgar a vivos y  
muertos.  
Creo en el Espíritu Santo,  
la santa Iglesia Católica,  
la comunión de los santos,  
el perdón de los pecados,  
la resurrección de la carne  
y la vida eterna.  
Amén.





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**Flash Cards**

Key Words – Session 7



**Introductory  
Rites**

**Entrance  
Antiphon**

**Sign of  
the Cross**

**Penitential Act**

**Gloria**

**Collect**



## Flash Cards

Key Words – Session 7 (definitions)

The song that is sung as the priest enters the church for Mass.

The part of the Mass that comes before the Liturgy of the Word.

The prayer in which we tell God we are sorry for our sins and ask for his mercy.

A large cross that is traced from forehead to chest and from left shoulder to right shoulder.

The special prayer that the priest prays at the end of the Introductory Rite.

The ancient hymn of praise that we sing to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit at Mass.



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**Liturgy of  
the Word**

**First  
Reading**

**Responsorial  
Psalm**

**Second  
Reading**

**Epistles**

**Alleluia**



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Readings at Mass, usually from the Old Testament. In it we hear about God's plan for salvation.

The readings from Scripture and their explanation.

The reading after the Responsorial Psalm from the Letters of the New Testament.

The psalm we sing together after the First Reading.

The chant sung before the Gospel is read meaning "Praise the Lord."

The letters written to the early Church.



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**Gospel**

**Homily**

**Creed /  
Profession  
of Faith**

**Prayer of  
the Faithful**



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An explanation of the readings, given by the priest or deacon.

The reading from one of the four Gospels, telling us about the life of Christ.

Prayers of intercession, for our parish, community, and the world.

Our response of faith to the Word of God we heard in the readings.