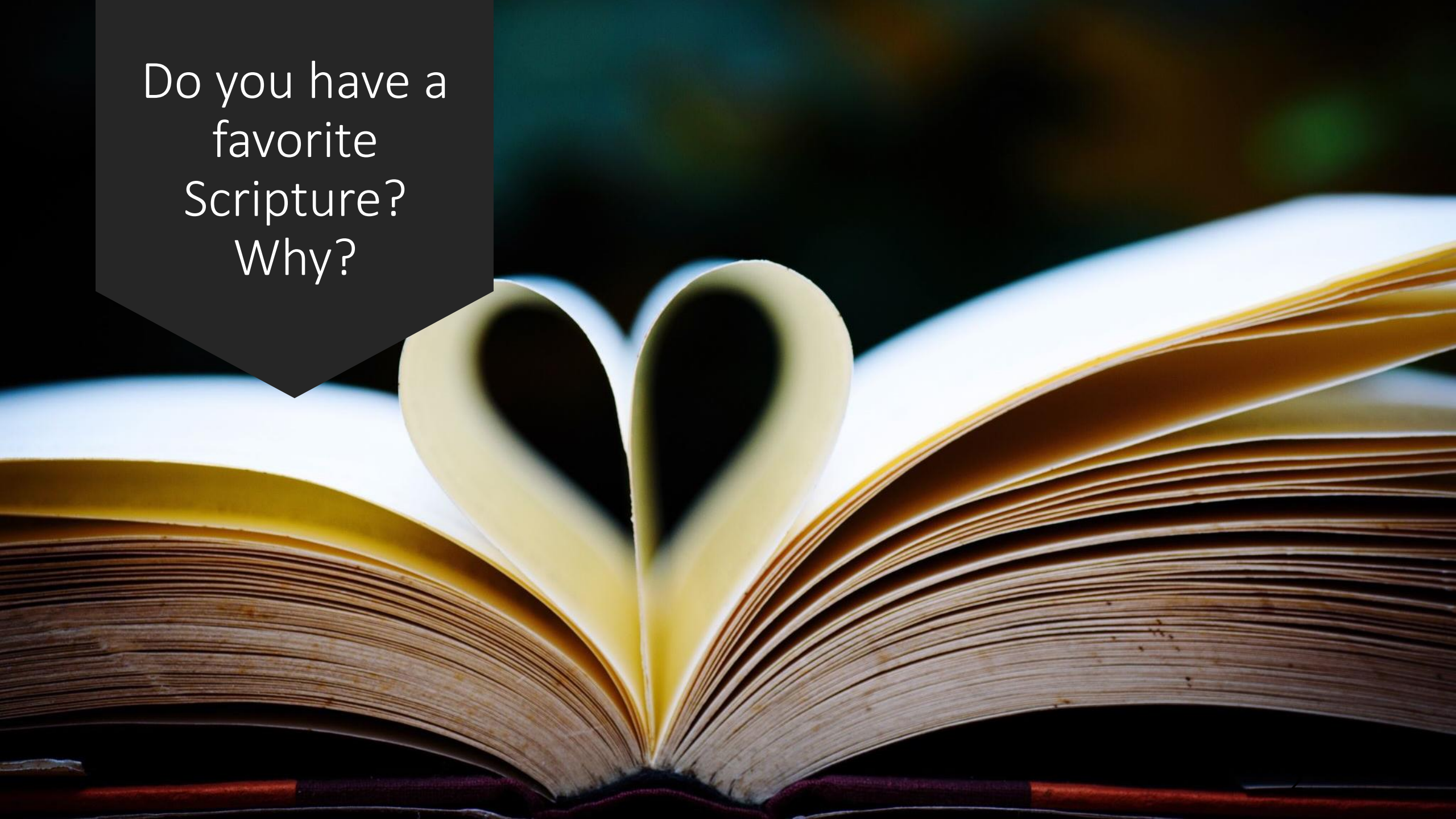
A still life composition featuring a lit lantern, a wooden cross on a brass stand, and an open book on a wooden surface. The lantern is on the left, the cross is in the center, and the book is on the right. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, creating a solemn and reverent atmosphere.

Catholic Understanding of Sacred Scripture

Catechist Certification Level 1

Do you have a
favorite
Scripture?
Why?



A Look At The Bible



- What is the Bible?
- Divine Revelation
- Inspiration
- Inerrancy – Truth (CCC #107/YC 15/16) vs. Fact
 - Jonah & Tobit – historical or fiction, Adam & Eve?
 - Faith perspectives that teach important religious truths – divine inspiration
 - Living Tradition of the whole Church (CCC #112-113)
- Handout from Tools of the Catechist Class
 - How is the Bible organized?
 - Jewish/Christian, OT before Christ, NT Jesus is Born...

Bibles:

NAB, NASB, NABRE, ASV, King James, ESV, NIV, Children's, Youth, Adult, Ascension Kids Storybook
Study Bible...Key Word/NASB Red Letter
Bible Gateway, Fr. Richard Simons

Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. HEB 4:12 – NABRE

A LOOK AT THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT *(Jewish Scriptures)*

Written in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic over a period of 1000 years.

It includes:

1. **Histories** of heroes and events
2. **Codes of Laws**
3. **Orations**
4. **Reflective Literature**
5. **Poetry**

NEW TESTAMENT *(Christian Scriptures)*

Written in colloquial Greek over a period of 150 years.

It includes:

1. **Stories and Teachings** of Jesus
2. **History** of early Church
3. **Teachings** of the Apostles
4. **Encouragement** for persecuted Christians

PARABLES

There are 46 books in the Catholic Old Testament.
(39 books in the Protestant Old Testament)

5 Books	16 Books	18 Books
Pentateuch	History	Prophets
Genesis	Joshua	Isaiah
Exodus	Judges	Jeremiah
Leviticus	Ruth	Lamentations
Numbers	1 Samuel	Baruch*
Deuteronomy	2 Samuel	Ezekiel
	1 Kings	Daniel**
	2 Kings	Hosea
	1 Chronicles	Joel
7 Books	2 Chronicles	Amos
Wisdom	Ezra	Obadiah
	Nehemiah	Jonah
Job	Tobit*	Micah
Psalms	Judith*	Nahum
Proverbs	Esther**	Habakkuk
Ecclesiastes	1 Maccabees*	Zephaniah
Song of Songs	2 Maccabees*	Haggai
Wisdom*		Zechariah
Sirach*		Malachi

* Books only in Catholic Bibles.

** Parts of these books are only found in Catholic Bibles.

There are 27 books in the New Testament.

4 Books of	13 Letters	8 Letters
Gospels	Paul	Others
Matthew	Romans	Hebrews
Mark	1 Corinthians	James
Luke	2 Corinthians	1 Peter
John	Galatians	2 Peter
	Ephesians	1 John
	Philippians	2 John
1 Book	Colossians	3 John
Acts of	1 Thessalonians	Jude
Peter and	2 Thessalonians	
Paul	1 Timothy	
	2 Timothy	1 Book
Acts of	Titus	Visions
the Apostles	Philemon	Revelation

All these Books were accepted as the “Canon” of the Bible at the Council of Hippo in 393 and redefined at later councils. They are all considered as inspired by the Holy Spirit and containing the essentials of our Catholic faith.



Color Coding and more!

- Bible tabs for ease of find Scriptures
- I provide Children's Bulletins in the Parish Library with a contest!
- Prizes include different kid's Bibles including Action Bible (DC/Marvel Artist), graphic novel style, toddler to young reader, etc. Also have 'surprise' bags with simple things like message bracelets, plastic crosses, rosaries and candy.
- Students can learn more about God and Jesus in an engaging and fun way!
- Students use post-it notes to mark pages like the Gospel Comparison page (CYB Pg. 1230) and the Ministry of Jesus map.
- Use the timelines and other helpful features of your student's Bible or workbook!
- Scripture coloring pages or 'how to draw' can be engaging activities to help tell a story and remember it!

SECTIONS

What Is the Bible?

The Bible—which is also called **Sacred Scripture**—tells the story of the loving relationship between God and humankind. Through the sacred writings, God reveals to humankind the truth about God and God's will for us.

The Bible is a **library of books** that is **divided into two parts**:

- the Old Testament (before Jesus)
- the New Testament (after Jesus' birth)

Each part consists of a **collection of books** that are **grouped into these sections**:

Pentateuch

The Pentateuch (five books) tells about God's chosen people, the Israelites. You will read about their early stories, their history, and the laws God gave them.

Historical Books

The historical books pick up Israelite history from 1250 BC to 100 BC. You will find accounts of the Israelites' settling the promised land, the rise and fall of their kings, their dispersion into exile, and their eventual return to the promised land.

Biblical Novellas

The biblical novellas are three books that contain entertaining stories told to instruct and encourage the people of God during critical times. They illustrate truths that transcend history.

Wisdom Books

The wisdom and poetry books are a collection of hymns, poems, proverbs, and stories. They use imaginative language to make their points.

Prophets

The prophets are people who speak God's word. In these books, you will find comfort and promise, and you will be challenged to act with justice and mercy.

Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles

The gospels (good news) focus on the person and teachings of Jesus.

The Acts of the Apostles shows how the Church was formed and how the first Christians spread the good news. These books cover the time period from 5 BC to the early AD 60s.

Letters and Revelation

The letters, or epistles (written by Paul, his followers, and other disciples), are actual letters that describe the new Christian faith, give advice, and offer words of hope. Revelation is a collection of mystical visions written to encourage the early Christians who were being persecuted.

Why is that in the Bible?

- **SCRIPTURE – COLLECTION OF WRITINGS/BOOKS – LIBRARY**
 - God’s Plan of Loving Goodness
 - Revelation
 - Covenants
 - Salvation History – We need Jesus!
- **TRADITION – CCC #74-83**
 - HANDING ON THE FAITH – LIVING TRANSMISSION
 - BIG “T” – LITTLE “t”
- **MAGISTERIUM – TEACHING OFFICE – CCC #84**
 - SACRED DEPOSIT (TRADITION & SCRIPTURE) – SACRED TEACHING AUTHORITY
 - AUTHENTIC INTERPRETATION – CCC #85
 - USING RIGHT JUDGMENT APPLIES THE FAITH TO LIFE

THE MASS IS SCRIPTURE
BIBLICAL BACKGROUND FOR
EUCHARIST

SEE FR. JUST WEBSITE

Senses of Scripture CCC #115-119

The letter teaches events; allegory -
what you should believe; morality
teaches what you should do, anagogy -
what mark you should be aiming for.
Augustine of Dacia (Bible Week)

Jerusalem could be understood:
Historical – city of Jews, allegory as
Church of Christ, anagoge as heavenly
city of God (mother of us all),
tropological – the human soul.
John Cassian

- Literal
- Spiritual
- Allegorical (typology)
- Moral (tropological)
- Future (anagogic)

1 Corinthians 10:11

Moral

CYB Pg. 1524 – Growing in Faith (6-14)
God-Centered

11 These things happened to them as an example, and they have been
written down as a warning to us...whoever thinks he is standing secure
should take care not to fall...God is faithful...FOOTNOTES

SCRIPTURE LOOKUP

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Exodus 16:4-7
- John 6:54-56
- John 6:60-69

2COR 12:9-10

meaning/senses
context
footnotes
understanding
action/anagogy

The Divine Reading

CYB 1731-
1733

The Four R's of Lectio Divina

Lectio (Reading)

Take your time and read the passage. Get a sense of what it is saying. Read the passage a second time. Listen for any words or phrases that strike you, and listen in your heart.

Meditatio (Reflecting)

Read the passage again, slowly. As you pause on the words or phrases that strike you, take time to consider what the word, phrase, or passage means, particularly in your life.

Oratio (Responding)

Read the passage again, slowly. Consider now how God has spoken to you in this passage and respond back to Him. You may want to consider how this passage is asking you to act differently.

Contemplatio (Remaining)

Now take some time to simply remain in the presence of God.

Adapted from the *Catholic Youth Prayer Book*, St. Mary's Press, Winona, MN, 2006.

Catechist & Parent Tip sheets at St. Mary's Press - smp.org

- EFFECTIVE STORYTELLING #3
- USING SCRIPTURE #6

IDEAS

- SIMPLE STORY BIBLES – AGE APPROPRIATE
- SHORT VIDEOS
- STORY MAPPING – SEQUENCING
- TELL IT – CHILDREN'S BIBLE

VATICAN II
DIVINE REVELATION



Read, reflect, question, explain

- CALM THE STORM ACTIVITY
- BRING THE STORY TO LIFE – MAKE IT INTERESTING
- ART/SACRED ART (CHAPTER PICTURES)
- PRAYER
- WORKSHEETS/ACTIVITIES
- PERSONAL REFLECTION – INSPIRATION
- HOW DOES YOUR CLASS LEARN?
- BIBLE ADVENTURE – ATTITUDE & MINDSET
- USE THE BIBLE – KNOW THE BIBLE