

# God Speaks to Us in Scripture

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

❖ We refer to the Bible as Sacred Scripture, which means “holy writing.” It was written hundreds of years ago by many different people. Sacred Scripture is made up of many books.

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❖ The Church teaches us that God inspired, or worked within the minds of, the Scripture writers. That is why we believe the Bible is the Word of God.

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❖ The Bible is separated into two parts. The Old Testament is about what God did before Jesus came, and the New Testament is about the life of Jesus and the early Church. Both sections tell us about God’s message of love.

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❖ The Old Testament tells how God revealed himself to the Hebrews, led them out of Egypt, gave them his laws of love, and made them his own people.

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❖ Parts of the Old Testament tell how God wanted his people to live. He gave these messages through the prophets, who were sent by God to teach people.

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❖ God shows his people how to pray in the Book of Psalms. The psalms are prayers of praise, thanksgiving, petition, and sorrow. We say or sing them.

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❖ There are four Gospels. They are the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The Gospel is the “Good News” of Jesus, our Savior.

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❖ The last book of the New Testament is called the Book of Revelation. It tells about a prophet named John, who talks about the glories of God’s kingdom.

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