



God Makes Himself Known

Divine Revelation

Pillar 1 – Session 3
SESSION LEAD SHEET

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Psalm 119:105, Hebrews 1:3, & 2 Peter 1:17-21

CORE REFERENCES

Y4K 4, 8, 10-12, 156 & **Y** 7-10, 14-19, 473, 491

FOR PARENTS & ADULTS

CCC Paragraphs 50-73, 101-141, 2652-2654



STEP 1: PREPARATION - ATTENDING TO THE SOIL

1. Welcome!

2. Wonder

Curiosity Sparker: A lantern.

Display the question: *What do you hear?*

3. Proclaim

Read: Psalm 119:105 – “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (or use [Proclaim Slide](#))

Pray & Praise

Pray together: “Our Father...”

Sing together: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” CBW III #348
or “Christ, Be Our Light” (Bernadette Farrell)



STEP 2: PROCLAMATION - PLANTING THE SEED

1. Recap

Ask: “Last session, we discovered that God has placed a deep longing for himself in every human heart. How did your family make room for God this week, and where did you notice him drawing you closer to him?”

2. Scripture Proclamation

Invite families to listen for a word or phrase that stands out as the Scripture is read.

Read: Hebrews 1:3 and 2 Peter 1:17–21
or use: [God Makes Himself Known Scripture Proclamation Slides](#)

Invite time for brief sharing.

3. Joyful Proclamation & Witness

Proclaim: “In our Scriptures today, we hear that God wants a relationship with us, so he makes himself known and invites us to listen to his voice.”

Witness: Give a short personal testimony.

(*Prompt:* Remember, there may have been a time when you were looking for guidance, facing a difficult decision, or struggling with something in your life. Perhaps through Scripture, a homily, a conversation, or an unexpected moment, you began to recognize that God was speaking and guiding you. Looking back, you realized that God had been there all along—you simply needed to slow down and listen.)



STEP 3: EXPLANATION - HELPING THE PLANT GROW

1. Guided Explanation

Return to the Curiosity Sparker:
See *Curiosity Sparker Reveal* p.3

Diving Deeper

Discuss: **Y4K** & **Y** questions for Profession of Faith Pillar and Prayer Pillar, see *YOUCAT Pillars* p.4

Pray: Use Listening to God’s Voice (Lectio Divina) prayer format, see *Prayer Experience* p.5

2. Family Reflection

Ask: “Where do you think God is speaking to your heart today? How can your family respond to what He is revealing to you?” Invite families to share.

Show “[How Do We Know What to Believe?](#)” video or “[The Bible: Fact or Fiction?](#)” video.

3. Saint Highlight: St. Jerome

“St. Jerome loved God’s Word so much that he spent many years studying the Bible and translating it into a language people could understand. He believed that when we read Sacred Scripture, we are listening to God speaking to us. St. Jerome wanted everyone to know Jesus by spending time with his Word.”

“St. Jerome reminds us that God continues to speak to us through Sacred Scripture. When we take time to read the Bible, listen with open hearts, and put God’s Word into practice, we grow in our friendship with Jesus and learn to follow him more faithfully.”

“St. Jerome is the patron saint of Scripture scholars, translators, librarians, and students of the Bible. His Feast Day is September 30.”

Praise

Sing together.



STEP 4: APPLICATION - GROWING ROOTS

1. Family Discussion

Ask: “Our world is full of voices competing for our attention. How can we recognize God’s voice among them? How can listening to God’s Word help your family make choices that lead you closer to him?” Invite families to share.

2. Practical Challenge & Mission Action

“Until next time, choose ONE way as a family to listen more closely to God, for example: you might read a short passage from the Bible together and practice Lectio Divina as a family; spend a few quiet minutes in prayer just being open to listen; or practice listening carefully to one another.”

3. Creative Response

See directions for activity options on *Creative Response* p.6

- 1 - Family Bible Finder Challenge
- 2 - Family Lantern Craft
- 3 - Scripture Match

(Find more **Y4K & Y** and Family Activity resources on *Creative Response* p.6)



STEP 5: CELEBRATION - BLOSSOMS AND FRUITFULNESS

1. Mission Sending

“Remember: God continues to reveal himself because he desires a relationship with you. This week, take time to listen for his voice in Scripture, prayer, and the people he places in your life. Consider sharing with someone else those moments when you hear God speaking to you.”

Provide families with a copy of the *Family Handout*.

2. Gratitude & Sharing

Invite families to share one thing, one blessing they are thankful for today, or one way they have experienced God drawing them closer to him.

Say simple kerygma together: “Jesus Christ loves you...”

3. Closing: Pray & Praise

Pray: Together pray “Glory be to the Father...”

Say: “Let us go and see Jesus in everyone we meet this week.”

All respond: “Thanks be to God!”

Praise: Sing together.





RETURN TO THE CURIOSITY SPARKER: BRING ATTENTION BACK TO THE DISPLAY

Lantern and Listen Reveal

Begin by holding up the sign which says: LISTEN

“Listening is more than just hearing sounds. It means paying attention, being open, and truly taking in what someone is saying. When we listen, we are choosing to be present and ready to respond.”

Pause briefly.

“If I was scrolling on my phone while you were talking, would I be truly listening? What if what you had to say was really important? I might hear your voice, but I would not really be listening.”

“Today, we are invited not just to hear God—but to truly listen to him.”

Bring forward the lit lantern. Dim or turn off the lights for effect.

“This lantern helps us understand something important. Life can sometimes feel confusing or uncertain—like being in the dark. We do not always know what to do or where to go. But God does not leave us in the dark. He speaks and reveals himself. And when we listen to him, it is like having a lantern lighting the way before us.”

“If God wants a relationship with us, how do you think he lets us know who he is?”

“God reveals himself in many ways—through creation, through prayer, through the Church, through other people, and most perfectly through Jesus Christ. One of the most important ways he speaks to us is through Sacred Scripture—the Bible.”

Hold up a Bible.

“The Bible is God’s story of love and salvation. It tells us who God is, how he has acted throughout history, and how much he desires a relationship with us. Through the

words of Scripture, God continues to speak to his people today.”

“The Bible was written over many centuries by human authors who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is both a sacred book and a real historical record of God’s relationship with his people.”

“The Bible has two main parts: The Old Testament, which prepares for the coming of Jesus, and the New Testament, which begins with the life of Jesus and tells the story of the early Church.”

“Have you ever tried to find something in the Bible and weren’t sure where to start?”

Invite responses.

“The Catholic Bible contains 73 books—46 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament, including the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.”

“We find passages in the Bible using the book name, the chapter number, and the verse number; for example: John 3:16—‘John’ is the book; ‘three’ is the chapter; and ‘16’ is the number of the verse.”

Invite families to look up the passage. Have the first person who finds it read it aloud.

Wrap-Up: *Hold up both the lantern and the Bible.*

“Just as a lantern helps us find our way in the darkness, God’s Word helps us know who he is and recognize his voice. The more we listen to him, especially in the Scripture, the more we discover his love and learn to walk the path he has prepared for us.”



DIVING DEEPER

Present **Y4K** & **Y** questions for Profession of Faith Pillar & Prayer Pillar for family discussion.

Profession of Faith Pillar:

Faith Focus 1: God Wants to Be Known

Give **Y** and **Y4K** questions for families to read and discuss.

Y 7 Why did God have to show himself in order for us to be able to know what he is like?

Y4K 4 Can we know God?

Y 8 How does God reveal himself in the Old Testament?

Y4K 8 How is knowledge of God passed on?

After families had time to read and discuss the YOUCAT questions, invite sharing with the large group reflection on the following questions:

“What caught your interest, surprised or challenged you as you read these questions and answers?”

“What did you learn about the kind of God we have, and how can we get to know more about him?”

Faith Focus 2: Jesus Is God's Greatest Revelation

Give **Y** questions for families to read and discuss.

Y 9 What does God show us about himself when he sends his Son to us?

Y 10 With Jesus Christ, has everything been said, or does revelation continue even after him?

After families had time to discuss the YOUCAT questions, invite sharing with the large group:

“What caught your interest, surprised or challenged you as you read these questions and answers?”

“Why do you think God chose to come to us in the person of Jesus?”

Prayer Pillar:

Give **Y** and **Y4K** questions for families to read and discuss.

Y 473 How are the Psalms important for our prayer? **Y4K 156** What are the psalms?

Y 491 Can you learn how to pray from the Bible?

After families had time to read and discuss the YOUCAT questions, invite sharing with the large group on the following question: “From what you learned today, how might praying with the words of Scripture help you grow closer to God?”

*Move into Listening to God's Voice (Lectio Divina) prayer (See **Prayer Experience** p.5)*

Faith Focus 3: Listening to God's Word

Give **Y** and **Y4K** questions for families to read and discuss.

Y 14 Is Sacred Scripture true?

Y4K 11 Is what the Bible says true?

Y 15 How can Sacred Scripture be truth if not everything in it is right?

Y 16 What is the right way to read the Bible?

Y4K 10 What is the Bible?

Y 17 What significance does the Old Testament have for Christians?

Y 18 What significance does the New Testament have for Christians?

Y4K 12 What does the Bible tell us?

Y 19 What role does Sacred Scripture play in the Church?

After families had time to read and discuss the YOUCAT questions, invite sharing with the large group reflection on the following questions:

“What caught your interest, surprised or challenged you as you read these questions and answers?”

“How does knowing that God speaks through Scripture change the way you think about reading the Bible or listening at Mass?”



LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE (LECTIO DIVINA)

Families will experience a simple form of Lectio Divina, which means “divine reading.” This way of praying with Scripture teaches us that God is not silent—He continues to speak to us through his Word. As we slowly listen to the same passage several times, we open our hearts to hear what God wants to reveal to us.

Provide each family with a Bible or a printed copy of John 10:27–30.

Lectio Divina with Families

“Today we are going to pray with Scripture using a simple method called Lectio Divina. Instead of reading the Bible to study or learn facts, we read it slowly and prayerfully so we can listen for God’s voice. As we hear the passage several times, we will listen, reflect, respond, and then rest quietly in God’s loving presence.

“Let us begin by inviting the God the Holy Spirit to bring light to our hearts and minds as we truly listen to Jesus’ words in the Gospel of John: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart and still my mind. Open my eyes to see your truth, open my ears to hear your voice, and open my heart to receive your word as we listen to your word. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. Amen.”

Read (Lectio)

Invite one family member to slowly and clearly read aloud John 10:27–30.

“²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.” (NRSVCE)

Ask: “As you listened, was there a word or short phrase that stood out to you? Don’t worry about choosing the ‘right’ one. Simply notice what caught your attention and hold it quietly in your heart for a moment.”

Pause.

Reflect (Meditatio)

“We are going to hear the same passage again. This time, listen to it while thinking about the word or phrase that stood out to you. Ask yourself: What might God be saying to me through these words today?”

Invite a different family member to slowly and clearly read John 10:27–30 a second time, then pause for a moment of reflection.

Invite family members to briefly share on the following questions:

“What word or phrase stood out to you?”

“What do you think God might be saying to you through these words?”

Respond (Oratio)

“God has spoken to us through his Word. Now we have the opportunity to respond to him in prayer.”

Invite each family member to offer a silent prayer inspired by the passage. They might thank God, ask for his help, or simply tell him what is on their heart.

Pause for a moment while people families pray silently.

“God thank you for speaking to us through your Word. Help us continue to hear your voice, trust your love, and faithfully follow you each day. Amen.”

Rest (Contemplatio)

“Sometimes the best prayer is simply being with God. We don’t always need words. For the next few moments, let’s quietly rest in his presence, knowing that he is with us, loves us, and holds us safely in his hands.”

Read John 10:27–30 one final time, or simply begin the time of silence.

Invite families to spend a moment in quiet stillness.

“Thank you, Lord God, for revealing yourself to us through your Word. Help us to continue listening for your voice throughout this week. Amen.”



FAMILY ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

Family Bible Finder Challenge

What You'll Need:

- One NRSVCE Bible for each family
- One Family Bible Mystery Challenge worksheet per family
- One Catechist Answer Sheet
- Pencils for each family
- Small prize for the winning family (optional)

Instructions: “Today we learned that God reveals himself through Sacred Scripture. Your family is going to become Bible detectives! Working together, you will search through the Bible to uncover a hidden message from God’s Word.”

Remind families: “We locate Bible passages using the book name, chapter number, and verse number, just like when we found John 3:16 earlier. For each Mystery Clue, find the correct passage, count to the word or words indicated, and write your answer on the matching line of the footprint.”

Explain: “We will work through one Mystery Clue at a time. When your family thinks you have solved it, quietly raise your hand. The catechist will check your answers, and if they are correct, one family member will be invited to read the hidden message aloud.”

Ask: “Has anyone heard these words before?” Invite a few brief responses.

“Today we began our prayer with these beautiful words from Psalm 119:105: ‘Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.’”

“We have listened to God’s Word in prayer and now discovered its message together through Scripture. Just as a lantern lights our way in the darkness, God’s Word helps us know him, hear his voice, and follow the path he has prepared for us.”

Family Lantern Craft

What You'll Need: One lantern template printed on cardstock for each family, crayons, pencil crayons, or markers, scissors, glue stick or tape, hole punch, pipe cleaner or ribbon (for the handle).

Instructions: “Today we discovered that God’s Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. As your family creates this lantern together, think about the many ways God reveals himself and guides us through his Word.”

Invite families to colour the lantern together.

Complete the panel “Our Family Will Listen By...” by writing one practical way they will listen to God this week.

Cut out the lantern along the solid lines. Fold along the dotted lines. Glue or tape the tabs to assemble the lantern. Punch the hole at the top and attach a pipe cleaner or ribbon to make a handle.

Scripture Match

What You'll Need: One Scripture Match Challenge worksheet per family, one NRSVCE Bible per family, pencils.

Instructions: “Today we discovered that God makes himself known through Sacred Scripture. Your family will work together to match each Bible passage with the message that best describes what God is revealing about Himself.”

Remind families how to locate a Bible passage: “Just like we practiced earlier with John 3:16, we find Scripture using the book name, chapter number, and verse number.”

Invite families to work together to look up each Scripture passage in their Bible. Read the passage together. Discuss what it teaches them about God. Draw a line to the message that best matches the passage.

Allow time for families to complete the activity before reviewing the correct answers together.

Supplemental Resources:

YOU CAT: [Y4K Images of God](#) & [Y How does God reveal Himself to Men?](#)

Family Activities: [God Makes Himself Known - Creative Response Family Activities](#)

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DIVINE REVELATION

God loves us so much that he does not remain hidden. From the beginning of creation, throughout the history of his people, and most perfectly through his Son, Jesus Christ, God has revealed who he is and invites us into a loving relationship with him. In Sacred Scripture, God continues to speak to us today, revealing his love, his mercy, and his plan of salvation. The Bible is more than a collection of stories—it is God's living Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit and entrusted to the Church so that every generation can come to know him more deeply.

As we pray, read Sacred Scripture, participate in the life of the Church, and seek to follow Jesus each day, we gradually learn to recognize God's voice and respond with greater trust and faith. St. Jerome loved God's Word because he knew that through it, we come to know Jesus more deeply. Like a lantern lighting a dark path, God's Word guides us, strengthens us, and draws us closer to himself helping us discover the way that leads to ever lasting life with him.

Family Prayer: God, thank you for revealing your love to us, through Sacred Scripture, through your Church and especially through your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to prayerfully listen for your voice each day and help us to follow you with trust and faith. Amen.

MISSION ACTION

Until next time, choose ONE way as a family you can listen more closely to God:

- Practice looking up passages in the Bible. Remember, passages are found by book-chapter-verse, such as Romans 8:28, Psalm 27:1, Philippians 4:13, or Matthew 18:1-5.
- Practice Lectio Divina as a family with the Sunday Gospel.
- Spend a few quiet minutes in prayer just being open to listen.



Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, was Catholic and the first book ever printed was the Catholic Bible!

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According to the Guinness World Records, an estimated 5 to 7 billion copies have been printed and distributed, making it both the most widely read and translated book in history! The Bible comes with its own soundtrack!

The Psalms (written by David, Solomon and Moses) were intended to be sung with accompanying music.

