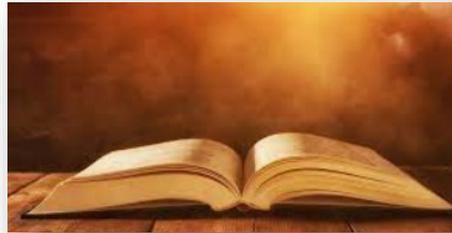


Important Themes

1.	The word Bible means book, although actually it is a collection of different kinds of books or writings, which we call Holy Scripture. It tells of God's love and how people responded to that love
2.	The Holy Spirit inspired the authors in their writing. This is why the Church family believes that the Holy Spirit is also the author of the Bible.
3.	Catholics have 73 books in their Bible (46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament). Some Christian Churches do not include some of the
4.	The Bible is made up of different genres of writing, including: Historical books Poems and hymns Wise sayings Good News Letters

Sources



Vocabulary

Scripture

The sacred writings of the old and New Testament

Old Testament

The first of the 2 parts of the Bible, often thought of as the Bible of the Jews

New Testament

The collection of books of the Bible that were produced by the early Church, including the Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, The Epistles and Revelation

Genres

A particular type or sort of writing

Epistles

Formal letters of communication. This word describes the writings of St Paul in the NT

Historical Books

Books in the Bible which give an account of special events in the history of the Jewish people and of God leading his people

Psalms

A sacred song or hymn

Gospels

The story of Christ's life contained in the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Prophets

A person chosen to speak for God through divine inspiration

Pentateuch

The first 5 books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy

Apostle

One who is sent out

Disciple

A follower of Christ

Scripture Links

1 Thessalonians 2: 13	<i>"We also constantly give thanks to God ... that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word which is also at work in you believers."</i>
Catechism of the Catholic Church 104	<i>"In Sacred Scripture (the Bible) the church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, 'but as what it really is, the word of God'. 'In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them'."</i>
Romans 15: 4-6	<i>Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures give us. And may God, the source of patience and encouragement, enable you to have the same point of view among yourselves by following the example of Christ Jesus, so that all of you together may praise with one voice the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>