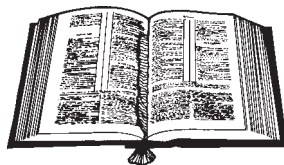


## God's Word Is Holy

1. Ahead of time, write out these two sentences on strips of poster board:  
    Glory to you, O Lord.  
    Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.  
Practice these responses several times with the children and explain that we say these words at the reading of the Gospel.
2. Gather the children in the prayer area. Take the Bible from the prayer table and hold it reverently in your hands. Tell the children that the Bible is a holy book because it contains God's Word to us. God speaks to us through the Bible.
3. Tell the children that you are going to proclaim a Gospel story in the same way that we do at Mass.
4. Invite them to stand facing you. Open the Bible to Mark 10:13-16 (The Blessing of the Children.)
5. Say, "A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark."
6. Invite the children to say, "Glory to you, O Lord."
7. Read the story of the Blessing of the Children aloud.
8. At the conclusion, say, "The Gospel of the Lord."
9. Invite the children to say, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."
10. Use this form whenever you read a Gospel story to the children. This year you are preparing them for full participation in the Eucharist.



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