

# Grade 2 - Chapter 17

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## Discover

### Catechist Edition Instruction

## Discover (1)

### Objectives

- Recognize Jesus' use of stories as a way to help us understand more about God and his Kingdom
- Examine the components of the Liturgy of the Word, including readings from both the Old Testament and New Testament

### God's Word Proclaimed

Point out that today's focus is on what we hear at Mass.  
Ask a volunteer to read aloud both paragraphs.

### God's Word

Proclaim the Scripture.

- Direct the children's attention to the illustration. Have the children locate the mustard seeds, the large tree, and the bird coming to nest.
- ★ Have the children color in the picture and underline the name of the parable.
- Ask: What are some other stories Jesus teaches us?
- Write all appropriate responses on the board or on chart paper.
- Music Option: Have the children sing "Jesus' Stories," downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

### Work with Words

Read aloud the Catholic Faith Word.

- Pass out index cards. Ask the children to write the word on one side of the card and the definition on

the other.

- Have them save the cards for future review.

## The Scripture Readings Begin

Write the term *Liturgy of the Word* on the board or on chart paper.

- Invite the children to think about ways in which Jesus continues to teach us using stories today.

Read aloud the first paragraph.

- Ask five children to take turns reading aloud the bullet points and the last paragraph.
- List the parts of the Liturgy of the Word on the board or on chart paper.
- Read aloud the acclamation "The Word of the Lord," and have the children respond "Thanks be to God."

★ Instruct the children to circle the part of the Bible where the first reading comes from and underline the part where the second reading comes from.

► Music Option: Have the children sing "Jesus Is the Word," downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

## Activity

Read aloud the directions.

- Have the children work in small groups to discuss the question and then complete their sentences.

## Quick Review

Jesus used stories as a way to help us understand the Kingdom. The readings of the Liturgy are from both the Old Testament and New Testament.

## Discover (2)

### Objectives

- Understand that the deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel reading and gives a homily to help us understand and apply God's Word to our lives.
- Identify that the Liturgy of the Word ends with the Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful.

### Jesus' Good News

Read aloud the caption.

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the question at the top of the student page.

- Write the children's responses on the board or on chart paper.

Ask five volunteers to read aloud the five paragraphs.

### Work with Words

Ask a volunteer to read aloud all three words and definitions in the Catholic Faith Words box.

- Pass out index cards, three per child.
- Have the children write the word on one side of the card and the definition on the other.
- Encourage the children to save the cards to use in a memory game or for further study.

► Music Option: Have the children sing "We Hear God's Word," downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

## The People Speak

Read aloud the first paragraph. Then have the children turn to page 304 in the Our Catholic Tradition section of the Student Book and silently read the Apostles' Creed.

Read aloud the next two sentences. Instruct the children to say "Lord, hear our prayer," after each bullet.

- Have three volunteers each read aloud one of the bullets.

## Activity

Read aloud the directions.

- Allow time for the children to work independently on their prayers.
- Invite the children to pray aloud their petitions, and have the group respond "Lord, hear our prayer."

## Quick Review

The deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel reading and gives a homily. The Liturgy of the Word ends with the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful.

## Catechist Tips: Body of Christ

The Body of Christ is an image of the Church found in Saint Paul's letters.

- As members of the Church, all are part of the Body of Christ.
- Baptism connects the individual to Jesus and to others in the Church in much the same way that the parts of a body are connected.

## Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners—Readiness for Love and Compassion

Children with special needs often identify others' needs more readily than other children do. This gift should be affirmed.

- Praise all the children in their efforts to be loving and caring.
- Some children do not worry as much as adults do about what others think of them or whether they are going to get credit for the good they do.

## Catechist Tips: The Creed

Catholics in the Western tradition are familiar with two forms of the Creed. The language in both now reflects the changes made when we began to implement the English translation of *the Third Edition of the Roman Missal* in November 2011.

- The Nicene Creed is named for the Council of Nicea, at which many key doctrines of the Church were formulated.
- The Apostles' Creed received its name because of its faithfulness to apostolic teachings.

## Catechist Tips: The Mustard Seed

The Mustard Seed is a helpful story for imagining what we can do to help God's Kingdom grow. Proclaim the Scripture passage on page 234. Put the words "God's Kingdom" on the board and talk with the children about how we can help God's Kingdom grow (*we can show that we care for each other by sharing, praying, and treating each other like we would like to be treated, etc.*). In pairs, let

the children make illustrations of how they, too, can make the seeds of the Kingdom grow by doing some of the things they described. Allow time for each pair to show and describe their picture to the group. Make the connection between their pictures and the mustard seed in the story.

### **Glossary Activity: Parables**

All of the parables highlighted in this chapter address the need for conversion. For young children, this message translates to recognizing bad habits and being willing to make changes.

- Have children ask themselves, “What changes does Jesus want me to make?”

### **Additional Activity: Draw Favorite Stories**

Invite children to think of memorable moments from their favorite stories.

- Have children draw scenes from the stories.
- Have children take turns showing their drawings to the group and telling the part of the story that their drawing depicts.

### **Additional Activity: Mime the Parable**

Invite children to work in groups to develop gestures that convey the Parable of the Mustard Seed in pantomime.

- Remind children not to use words or sounds in their pantomimes.
- Invite groups to share their miming with younger children.

### **Additional Activity: Sing Alleluia**

Teach children to sing the Alleluia to a melody used in your parish. Remind children that this Hebrew acclamation means “Praise the Lord!”

- Invite children to accompany themselves with simple rhythm instruments.

### **Additional Activity: Narratives**

Give children practice in turning narrative stories into scripts for dramatization.

- Share scripts from one or more plays for children. Help them identify the elements that distinguish a script from a narrative.