

# The Revelation of God: Scripture and Tradition

## Teaching:

- For Grades 1-4, watch [God's Story: The Bible](#)
- For Grades 5-8, watch the [3-Minute Catechism: How is Revelation Passed On?](#)
- For Adults, watch Fr. Mike Schmitz' video [Why Be Catholic and Not Just Christian](#)

**This lesson is about the two ways that God reveals himself to us: Scripture and Tradition. Choose an activity for each form of revelation (two total) to do as a family.**

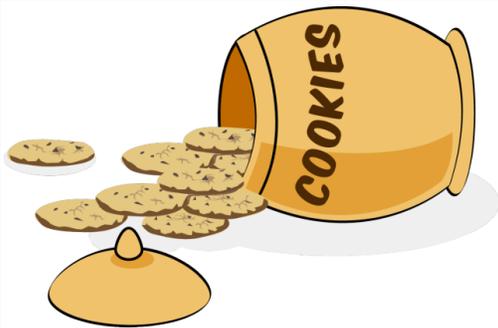
## **Scripture: Bible Scavenger Hunt**

As Catholics we believe the Bible is the Word of God. Reading the Bible can seem overwhelming, but it is through reading the Bible that we learn about the nature of who God is. The Bible says, God is love and wants to be in relationship with his people (you!). Take some time in this activity to familiarize yourself with the Bible. Grab your family Bible (or use the [online version from the USCCB](#)) and look up each verse. Then do this [activity](#).



## **Tradition: The Trinity**

There are many things in our faith that were established through the Tradition of the Church. Perhaps the most obvious is the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity: one God in three persons. While the Bible doesn't specifically explain the Trinity, there are numerous verses that hint at the reality of God being Father, Son and Holy Spirit yet all one God. Open this [page](#), grab an apple and the three forms of H<sub>2</sub>O (ice, water, steam) to learn about the greatest mystery of Christianity, the Trinity.



## **Scripture: Sweet Scripture Cookies**

As Catholics we believe the Bible is the Word of God and according to the Bible, the word of God is "sweeter than honey" (Psalm 119:103). Grab your family Bible (or use the [online version from the USCCB](#)) to look up each verse on this [recipe sheet](#). Then use the ingredients listed in each verse to make these sweet Scripture Cookies!

## **Tradition: Mary as Mother of God**

While the Bible doesn't specifically call Mary the Mother of God. Christians since the beginning recognized Mary as *Theotokos*, the Mother of God. We still honor Mary in a variety of ways: through prayers, celebrations, feast days, to name a few. We'll learn more about Mary in December, but choose an activity below as a start:

- [Mary Word Search](#): Find the words about Mary.
  - [Hail Mary Roll-A-Prayer](#): Use a die and see who can put together the most famous of Marian prayers.
  - [She is Your Mother](#): Read two passages about Mary and discuss the questions.



Teach your children the Glory Be (if they don't already know it). Start with the Sign of the Cross, then pray this prayer together each night of this week.

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.