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*God Reveals: An Introduction to the Bible*

Chapter 8: The Bible in the Life of the Church

Directed Reading Worksheet

**Directions.** Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it. Enter the missing word or words for the fill-in-the-blank questions.

# Introduction: *The Bible and Prayer*

1. While the Bible has always been important in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, private reading has not always been encouraged. Prior to the invention of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, most could not afford their own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Further, in response to Luther’s doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Council of Trent stressed the unity of Sacred Scripture and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and approved only the Latin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for use.

True or False? The Second Vatican Council discouraged Catholics to read the Bible regularly and reflectively.

True or False? The words of Sacred Scripture strengthen the Church as a whole and each reader individually because through it we hear God’s personal words to us.

Explain why familiarity with the Bible for Catholics grew after the Second Vatican Council.

True or False? The Bible is meant for both personal and communal prayer, and examples of the latter include Lectio divina and the Liturgy of the Hours.

# Section 1: *Common Biblical Prayers*

Many familiar prayers from the Mass come from the Bible. What are some examples?

The *Sh’ma* is the most important Jewish prayer in the Bible. Write this below.

1. The name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comes from the first word of the prayer in Hebrew, meaning “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” or “listen.” The first two verses contain the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which Jesus cites when he is asked what is the greatest and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ commandment. The *Sh’ma* continues to be used by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today when they first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and before they go to sleep at night. It is also part of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ service.
2. Jews and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ both share a love for the psalms. The term “psalm” derives from a stringed instrument called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a kind of harp. King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is believed to be the author of the psalms, at least through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The psalms are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in nature and capture senses of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, joy, frustration, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The collection of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ psalms seems to have been written for different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and purposes and were prayed by Jews as part of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ celebrations. They were used in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to pray communally and individually in times of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to offer praise and thanksgiving, for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and for retelling significant portions of Jewish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Explain how the settings and occasions when Jesus taught his disciples the Our Father differ in Matthew and Luke.

True or False? Addressing God as “Father” was something uncommon in ancient Judaism.

True or False? Asking God’s name to be “blessed” or “hallowed” was common in the prayers of ancient Judaism.

1. The appeal for the restoration of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a common petition since the destruction of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Temple in the eighth century BC. However, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understanding of the coming of God’s Kingdom differed from the common \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understanding. While he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it in his life, Death, and Resurrection, it is only in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when God’s Kingdom will be perfected.

True or False? In praying for our “daily bread,” Jesus intends for us to trust in one another to provide for our needs and for us to remember the needs of others, particularly the obligation to share with the poor.

True or False? The request for God to forgive our sins is conditional, based on our willingness to have mercy on others.

True or False? There are numerous examples of petitioning God’s protection from Satan in both nonbiblical Jewish apocalyptic writings as well as in the Old Testament.

What did the Church Father Tertullian call the Our Father?

1. Many biblical passages are part of modern parlance. For example, the expression “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” is a reference to Ecclesiastes, and “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” refers to a citation from Isaiah. To “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” is based on 1 Timothy, and “the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” is an allusion to Matthew. Finally, in a reference to Genesis, to say something is “as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” is to say something is very old.

# Section 2: *The Liturgy of the Hours*

True or False? Two ways to let the effects of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist linger are in participating in Eucharistic Adoration and the Divine Office.

True or False? The connection of the Liturgy of the Hours to the Mass is primarily through the inclusion of Eucharistic Adoration.

Explain the fundamentals of the Liturgy of the Hours and how it connects to the Liturgical year.

1. The Liturgy of the Hours is a prayer of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and thanksgiving extending our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and praise at all hours of the day. Priests and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on the basis of their consecrated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, pray the Divine Office regularly, but the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ too are encouraged to recite it as well. It is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the name of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ form of the prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prayer and worship began in the Old Testament. Regular and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prayer using God’s name was the start of formalized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Years later, King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instigated reforms of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ practices, centering them on the Law of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He further standardized the prayers, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Divine Office.

Summarize the routine of daily prayer that developed in the early Church.

True or False? The reforms made to the breviary at the Council of Trent in 1590 continued offering the entire Psalter over the course of one week and dropped all the nonbiblical apocalyptic writings.

True or False? Matins is typically prayed by monks between midnight and 4 AM and consists of two long readings from Sacred Scripture.

1. *Check all that apply below. The first one is done for you.*

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|  | **Description** | **Lauds** | **Vespers** | **Compline** |
|  | Includes the Canticle of Mary |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |
| **28a** | Extends the mysteries of Christ’s Incarnation and Paschal Mystery into daily life |  |  |  |
| **28b** | Begins with “Lord, open our lips, and we will praise your name.” |  |  |  |
| **28c** | The last prayer of the day before going to sleep |  |  |  |
| **28d** | One of the most important parts of the Liturgy of the Hours |  |  |  |
| **28e** | Includes the Canticle of Zechariah |  |  |  |
| **28f** | Celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts” |  |  |  |
| **28g** | Literally means “complete” |  |  |  |
| **28h** | Includes readings from Sacred Scripture |  |  |  |
| **28i** | Literally means “evening star” |  |  |  |
| **28j** | Morning prayer |  |  |  |

True or False? The “prayers during the day” are sometimes called the “little hours” and are most commonly prayed by monks today.

# Section 3: *Using Scripture for Meditation*

How is meditation defined here?

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a meditation on the Bible and, like the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, relies heavily on the psalms as a source of prayer, in addition to other Scripture readings, including the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It follows four steps: *lectio*, which means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”; meditation; *contemplatio*, meaning “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”; and *oratio*, meaning “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

What does it mean to pray a “scriptural Rosary” in connection to the *Lectio divina*?

1. The origins of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relate to praying the complete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of 150 psalms common in monasteries. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people desired to imitate the monks, but because they typically could not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Irish monks suggested they pray 150 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in lieu of the 150 psalms. Before long, they began to use a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tied with fifty knots and later with small pieces of threaded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

True or False? In 1509 a Carthusian monk named St. Peter Damian attached a series of scriptural meditations on the life of Jesus to the Rosary of fifty Hail Mary’s.

Explain how a scriptural Rosary differs from praying it in the traditional way.

True or False? Pope Benedict XVI states, “the prayer of the Rosary is, in many ways, the synthesis of the history of God’s mercy, which becomes a history of salvation for all who let themselves be shaped by grace.”

1. The prayer of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a more passive form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is called passive because we do not have to do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ except be ourselves and simply be in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ holy presence. In contemplation we sit in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and simply enjoy keeping company with God, much like one might spend keeping \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a friend.

# Section 4: *What’s Next for You and the Bible?*

True or False? One of the USCCB’s recommendations about forming and sustaining a parish Bible study group is to have someone trained in biblical scholarship lead the group or to use Catholic-based workbooks or guides.

1. Briefly summarize each of Mark Hart’s eight steps to becoming a Bible reader below.

*Pick a time —*

*Gather extra resources —*

*Pray and then pray some more —*

*Have a plan —*

*Get the background —*

*Remember that sometimes less is more —*

*Write a journal —*

*Put the Bible down —*

1. Reading the Bible will help you to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the words of Scripture. François Mauriac said that “people don’t criticize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They criticize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because they do no resemble him.” An old saying develops his point: “your life may be the only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some people will ever read.” Jesus promises, “Everyone then who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ these words of mine and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on them will be like a wise man who built his house on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”