

# the liturgy of the word

Recall a story about an older member of your family—an ancestor as far back in your family tree as you can go. What is that story? Why might it be important to keep that memory alive? Why would it be important to include a reading from the Old Testament during Mass?

## The Epistles

If you were to write a letter to a young person—perhaps an eighth grader who is fearful of entering high school—what words of encouragement and guidance would you offer her or him?

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Why would it be important to include an epistle in the liturgy of the word?

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## The Gospels

Write an article on Jesus to be used for a front-page newspaper account of his life. Include a headline. You might refer to one of the following Gospel passages as the basis for your article:

Luke 5:17–26

Luke 7:1–10

Luke 19:1–10

John 4:1–30

John 6:1–15

John 9:1–41

Why do we include a Gospel reading each Sunday?

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What is the relationship between these three sources of readings?

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