

THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

The Bible is the living Word of God, written under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This is a very profound statement and one that is difficult to understand. Together, let us try to explore what it means for us.

One day when Cardinal Hume was speaking to pupils he said, *"We believe that the Bible is God's Word. The Bible is ... God speaking to us. He has spoken to us all down the ages and for a long, long period up to when Jesus became man. So God became man, and then he was called the Word. 'The Word was made flesh' (John 1:14). So the Word is the word of God which we read in the scriptures. Jesus Christ is the Word of God in reality."*



Why do we say that the Bible is the **living** Word of God? We can listen to the stories as if they were about the past, for example, the story of Noah and the flood. It is true that it is a story about the past, but it also has a message for us today. We believe that God is speaking to us through these words now. When we listen to the words of scripture with our heart God does speak to us.

TASKS

1. Try to remember a story from the Bible that you studied when you were in primary school.
 - a) What do you think is the important message in this story?
 - b) Does the story have a message for us today? What is it?
2. Work in groups to share the Bible stories you remember from your junior school.
 - a) Make a list of all the important messages in these stories.
 - b) Share them with the rest of the class and then put them on the notice board so that they will help you to remember how God does speak to us in the Bible.

