

Breaking Open the Word

Note to the teacher: This resource is for your use in preparing for breaking open the Word with middle schoolers.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening comments

Proclamation of the Word (*Breakthrough! The Bible for Young Catholics* or Lectionary)

Silence

Initial question

Initial response from middle schoolers

Brief exegesis (see commentary articles in *Breakthrough!*)

Deeper question

Second response from middle schoolers

Pointing outward (Live It! article in *Breakthrough!*)

Closing Prayer

