



I am a Montessori teacher working in a homeschooling initiative with children, ages 3 – 6, at Regina Mater. Being a Catholic School, I could choose the time when to present religion class. In my Montessori training, I had been introduced to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method. Just a thread. I brought children's bibles for the religion class. One day I forgot them and read from the Holy Bible, adult version. I was reading the Creation story in the book of Genesis. The room was so quiet. I looked up to see the eagerness in the eyes of the children as I continued to read. It was so amazing that I never brought the children's bibles back to the class. The children's response was complete reverence for reading from the Holy Bible.

After that experience, a friend came to tell us about CGS. The parallels of this formation introducing the Word in the materials was a confirmation that CGS offered the child a deeper opportunity to be in relationship with God.

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