

# The Word Is Like a Palace

The sense of the letter of the Word is the very Word itself, for within this sense there are spirit and life, the spiritual sense being its spirit, and the celestial sense its life. The spiritual sense and the celestial sense without the natural sense, which is the sense of the letter, are not the Word. For without it they are like a palace without a foundation (see *Sacred Scripture* 39).

Make a beautiful picture of a palace on a strong foundation. The foundation is like the outer meaning of the stories of the Word for people in this world. The palace is like the heavenly meaning for angels in the next world.

Sometimes the heavenly meaning shines through, and we can see it when we are reading the Word. We can also read the Heavenly Doctrine to glimpse the heavenly meaning of the Word.

## ***Suggested Materials***

gel pens, colored pencils, or colored markers  
gold and silver metallic pens  
foil wrapping paper (various colors)  
glitter  
sequins  
press on "earrings" to make jewels on the palace  
glue

## ***Procedure***

1. Make a solid foundation for the palace. You might want to use silver metallic paper or silver glitter to make it special. Or draw gemstones around it to show that the Word is precious.
2. Make a beautiful palace resting on the foundation using whatever materials you have available.
3. Optional: Use glitter or markers to make a beautiful light shining from the palace that symbolizes the Word.
4. Write these words as a caption for your picture:

*The Word is like a beautiful palace with a foundation.*