

## Younger children

- Explain that “**Evangelion**” means “**good news**”.
- Describe the Gospel as a **holy book** that we venerate and listen to at church.
- Explain that the Gospel tells us **about our Lord Jesus Christ**, His life on Earth, and His teachings.
- Demonstrate ways in which **we show respect to the Gospel**: make the sign of the cross and kiss it, stand up and listen carefully and quietly when it is read aloud.

## Older children

In addition to the above, older children should also be able to do the following:

- Explain that the “good news” associated with the term “Evangelion” refers to the **happy news of our salvation** by the One True God.
- Mention the **four Evangelists by name**, as the authors of the four Gospels.
- Identify the **symbol** for Evangelist Mark and explain its significance
- Repeat **one or two basic facts** from Evangelist Mark’s life.

## Icon description

Saint Mark is depicted as a middle-aged man with wavy, dark hair and a short, thick beard. His facial expression is thoughtful and concentrated in his writing. He is seated on a stool or chair and he holds his open Gospel book in which the first line is written: “Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ”. On his desk there are the tools of writing and a lectern. He wears classical ancient Greek clothes, with a golden ribbon on his shoulder – the symbol of an Apostle.