

## **Make a Golden Covering or Mat for the Word**

The city was pure gold, like clear glass....  
(Revelation 21:18)

John saw the Holy City New Jerusalem descending out of heaven. The city was made of pure gold but was transparent like glass. This pictures the clarity of the truths of the New Church, for the Heavenly Doctrine explains the inner meaning of the Old and New Testaments. Make a golden covering or mat for the Lord's Word. Let it remind you of how much the Lord loves you and wants to help you see and understand the truths of the Word in all their beauty.

### **Golden Mat for the Word**

1. Take a large piece of tracing paper or other paper that has a translucent quality.
2. Make a beautiful design on the paper using gold wax crayon, metallic pen, or colored pencil.

### **Mat with Gold Glitter—Method A**

1. Take a large piece of tracing paper or other paper that has a translucent quality.
2. Mix Elmer's glue with a small amount of water and then brush onto the paper.
3. Sprinkle gold glitter onto the paper and let dry.
4. Set your copy of the Word on this special golden mat.

### **Mat with Gold Glitter—Method B**

1. Sprinkle gold glitter between 2 layers of waxed paper and then iron them with a warm iron. It will be transparent with flecks of gold.
2. Set your copy of the Word on this special golden mat.

### **Golden Word Cover**

1. Make a Word cover out of shiny gold fabric. Cut out 2 rectangles of gold cloth about 12 inches by 18 inches.
2. Use a sewing machine to sew (or hand sew) along 3 sides of the rectangle—about half an inch from the edge. Leave one of the short sides open.
3. Turn inside out and smooth the fabric along the sides you have already sewn.
4. Carefully turn under the edges of the fabric on the open side. Then sew along this last edge.
5. Use an iron to press the finished Word cover.
6. Place the Word on top of the Word cover and bring up the sides of the cover so that they overlap on top. Or drape your Word cover on top of this special book.