



Living the Word: Singing God's Story

Welcome to a wonderful new way to present the Scriptures to children!

Working together with the *Living the Word* series of faith formation resources, we have written songs to coordinate with and reinforce each week's lesson! They are designed to be part of your singing time with your Sunday school, children's choir, or even in worship, and can be used with a large group or a small class.

The songs are written to be used in the following way:

1. One song is for the whole year and reflects the overall theme for that year. It makes a great opening song and is designed to be sung every week. The students will get to know it well and will get their singing off to a rousing start.
2. The song to sing next is one that follows the unit theme or themes that continue over several weeks. Each song has a main melody that stays the same for those weeks.
3. However, in each of these songs there is special verse that changes each week to match that particular week's Bible story.

This gives the teacher a way to ask questions of the student about what the verse is saying, giving the students and teacher a chance to have a discussion in a way that is easy to remember. Music is one of the best ways to leave a lasting memory in their minds.

The songs are written to be sung by children of all ages. They're fun and easy to sing. The verses can be used in many ways. You may choose to have a song leader sing them or you could involve your students. You could assign a line to one student and the next line to another. Or a small group of children could sing the verse together. It's a great way to get the kids involved which makes everything even more fun and memorable. The sky's the limit! Be creative! Have fun!

We would love to know how you are using the songs. Let us know. Share with us in our *Living the Word: Kids* Facebook group or our company Facebook page. Email a video or recording. Show off for us! Contact the publisher at the email address below to share feedback and recordings. Just so you know, we may use what you send us in our marketing to share it with others, so please be sure you have the proper permissions!

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