



Dear Faith Formation Leaders:

Greetings from Spirit & Truth Publishing! As you are looking through this year's *Living the Word (Narrative Lectionary)* Scope & Sequence, or looking at the lesson PDF files, you might notice two things. First, there is one lesson in the Winter quarter and one lesson in the Spring quarter that appear to be missing (the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's and the Sunday of Easter). You may also notice that there are three lessons which are marked as Extended Lessons.

We do not provide lessons on those two Sundays because many congregations do not have faith formation times those days or weeks. However, since we do not want to miss the Bible readings for those days, and since some congregations do have faith formation time then, we have created extended lessons for the following Sunday.

Therefore, the second Sunday of Christmas and the second Sunday of Easter have lessons that cover both the missed stories and that Sunday's story, and they have been extended to have enough teaching material to cover two classes for those who want to use them both weeks. This is intended to help the leaders in congregations who would also skip those lessons by making it easier to cover both Bible passages in one session, while providing material for two whole sessions for those who need that.

For the first time we have included a third extended lesson on Palm Sunday. This lesson is extended to include the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Since these curriculum products only cover Sundays, these important readings have not traditionally been covered. However, since these events are important to our faith, we have added material to the Palm Sunday lesson to help leaders cover all three sets of readings.

Thank you for the invaluable work you do, leading faith formation opportunities! Please know that if you have any questions about the extended lessons, or anything else, do not hesitate to contact me! You may email me or give me a call at the contact information below.

Blessings,

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