



Living the Word Narrative Lectionary, Year 4

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

Working together with the *Living the Word (Narrative Lectionary)* series of faith formation resources, we have written songs to coordinate with and reinforce each lesson unit or units! 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. Participants 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.

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. And we do mean all ages (or at least starting at an age where kids can sing along). Yes, these songs are designed especially for the vocal and developmental range of 4 through 12-year-olds, but they are not "childish." Adults can enjoy them and sing together with the kids. This makes this music perfect to include with intergenerational faith formation and worship! In fact, this year we are including this *Singing God's Story* music with our *Living the Word: Cross+Gen Worship (Narrative Lectionary)* worship resource.

We would love to know how you are using the songs. Let us know. Share with us on 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 from all involved!

Sincerely,

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