



Living the Word: Youth

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to a new school year and to *Living the Word: Teaching Youth God's Story*. *Living the Word: Youth* is a faith formation curriculum that begins our study at the beginning of the Bible in the book of Genesis and moves through the Bible as we move through the school year.

Many churches using this curriculum are doing so because the stories we'll study here match a set of Bible readings often used in worship called the Narrative Lectionary. If this is true for you, then this means that the readings your youth studies will be the same as the readings that are used in worship that week. This is a huge advantage for you! Each week you'll have the opportunity to talk together about the story and what you're hearing.

Your youth should be bringing home every week a two-page sheet called "The Story @ Home." This sheet will give you some background on the weekly Bible passage, help connect this week's story to what happened last week and what will be learned next week, as well as offer some ideas for family devotions throughout the week. If your congregation is using any other *Living the Word* products, like our elementary curricula, you might notice that the devotional readings are the same, but that the activity ideas are adjusted to fit your youth's more mature age level.

Don't be surprised though if your youth has also had some unique learning experiences. This curriculum is designed to engage youth through all their senses and a variety of different methods, so from week to week there should be something new to hear about.

As you journey through this year, if there is feedback that you would like to provide to Spirit & Truth Publishing about what your youth is learning, please feel free to contact me at the email address or phone number printed below.

Thank you for all you do in nurturing your child's growing faith! May this new year be a blessing to your family as you continue to grow together!

Sincerely,

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