

Dear Parents:

Greetings from Spirit and Truth Publishing! I hope you are excited for a new year of living in God's wonderful story with your congregation! Your congregation is using a Christian education curriculum called *Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story* curriculum this year, which follows a set of Bible readings often used in worship called the Narrative Lectionary.

## Grow together as a family!

*Living the Word: Kids* teaches your child about God's love for the whole world while at the same time learning the bible story chronologically!

## The Story @ Home

Your child should be bringing home from Sunday school a weekly, two-page sheet called "The Story @ Home." This take-home sheet is a tool that you can use to keep up on what your child is learning, and to grow together spiritually as a family. Here are the parts:

- **Background-** The first page gives you background behind the story your child learned in class. It's always helpful to ask your child specific questions about what they learned!
- **Last Week/Next Week-** This section briefly connects a Sunday's readings to the previous and following weeks, so you can see where you've been and where you're going!
- **Family Devotions-** Here is a paragraph that suggests a larger or ongoing family activity that connects with the Sunday Bible reading.
- **Daily Devotions-** This chart gives a Bible reading and short activity for each day of the week.

## Take a Step

You might already do daily devotions with your family, or you might have never heard of them! Challenge yourself and your family to take a step toward some sort of family time spent learning about God, praying, and having fun! If you're new to devotions, start with once a week, and adapt these resources to what works for you!

May you experience God's awesome love this year!

Sincerely,  
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