



# Tell the Story

## Prep:

- **Listen** to the story (KJ version).
- **Read** the story. Pay attention to the verbs, nouns, and adjectives.
- **Ask** yourself questions like “What God is doing?” “What the people are doing?” “What is missing?” “Where are the gaps?” “What do we not understand in the story?”
- **Rehearse** the story. Practice reading it aloud with different voices. Notice what your hands do when you retell it. Set the scene and stay within the context.

**Ever notice why a small child wants to read the same storybook over and over again? The child loves it because the story is repetitive (kids can often recount it word for word); something about the story is relevant to him or her; and always done in relationship with someone. Same applies to storytelling:**

## Use Repetition

- What is it you want to people to remember or recall about the story?
- Memorize a Bible verse
- One word about who Jesus is

## Be Relevant

- Find the anomaly in the text
- Story commandment of “Make Me Care.”
- Sum up the point in one sentence.

## Always in Relationship

- Cross+Gen Storytelling
- Not just about the kids!
- Pay attention to who is listening.