

Throughlines

COMMUNITY BUILDING

When choosing a reading, don't be afraid to invite students into it more than once! When we return and repeat, different ideas can stand out and different perspectives move to the forefront. Enjoy these readings on repeat as you invite your students into the beauty of community building.

Elementary Readings:

These children's books explore community building through story, poetry, and illustrations.

- [Thoughtfull](#), Dorena Williamson
- [Different like me](#), Xochitl Dixon
- [Who is my neighbor?](#), Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso

Secondary Readings:

These readings for community building emphasize unity as a gift given by God to be enjoyed and to be stewarded.

- [This Grace that Scorches Us](#), Jan Richardson
- [Blessed be the tie that binds](#), John Fawcett

Liturgy:

In this [liturgy for community building](#), learners will interact with Scriptures on the beauty and power of community and the things that stand in the way of our ability to have fullness of unity with each other. As a way of practicing community building, invite students to lead different parts of the liturgy by dividing up the Scripture reading, the call-and-response prayer, and the collect prayer at the end.

