

Godly Play

Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired Christian formation program serving children ages 4-11. We meet most Sundays during the program year from 9:15-10:15am and attendance has ranged from 2-13 children. In the Godly Play Sanctuary, children use the language of Godly Play to understand and articulate their spiritual lives. This fall our circle of friends has been listening, wondering and making meaning through the Sacred Stories. This winter we will continue our storytelling with Parables and stories of Lent and Easter. Through Godly Play and Children's Chapel, we hope to provide a consistent worship experience for children that will allow them to enter familiar sacred spaces, worship, sing, pray and work together in community, learn religious language through the Gospel readings and biblical stories, and use what they experience to make meaning in their own lives.

Thank you to Colleen Haggerty, Sherifa Hardware, Shirley Mensah, Chloe Olliff, Laurie Anzilotti, Bill Thomas, and Sally Thomas for their work as storytellers and greeters. Thank you to the children of Holy Communion for entering the sacred space of Godly Play.

This year, I was also able to provide support through consultation and training of storytellers to Trinity Central West End and to the Church of St. Michael and St. George to open their own Godly Play Sanctuaries. I also coordinated a three session training for two new Holy Communion storytellers who will begin to lead in the Sanctuary this Spring.

Finally, I laid the groundwork to offer a Godly Play Core Training at Holy Communion in conjunction with the Diocese of Missouri April 30-May 2, 2020. We will look for three Holy Communion parishioners to attend this training to expand parish support of our children's religious education. We ask parishioners to prayerfully consider attending training and serving as a Godly Play door person or storyteller.

Thank you to the congregation for your prayers and support of this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Olliff