

Godly Play

This year has looked very different from what we had planned. Thankfully, we have adjusted and found meaningful ways to support children and families through virtual offerings and resources for developing their faith practices at home.

- We have offered Godly Play every Saturday morning on Zoom since the middle of March 2020. We took a short break in August and for Thanksgiving weekend, and we will break for two Saturdays after Christmas. We have had children join the circle every Saturday with numbers ranging from 1-12.
- We send a weekly email newsletter with resources and links for faith formation on Zoom and ideas for home.
- We have sent mailings to 14 families every other week and every week during Advent, with activities that connect with the Godly Play story for the week. If anyone would like to be added to the list, please contact Heidi Olliff.
- There is a Zoom gathering every Tuesday evening for parents.
- In September, we delivered Bibles and faith formation activities and suggestions to use at home. We have delivered 12 Bibles and will continue delivering as families request them.
- We mailed a fall activity to families that was put together by Courtney Dula and Angie Burroughs-Kelly.
- Eliana Haig recorded two songs for Godly Play and we sing along with her each Saturday.
- Brea and Brook recorded music for Grace Gathering and we use “The Little Light” during our Godly Play circle.
- We mailed a packet of ideas and supplies for keeping Advent at home. One of the activities connects to the children’s Bible we delivered to families. The activity brought in a few more requests for Bible deliveries. The other activities connect to the Godly Play Advent story.
- We held an Advent Family Night on Zoom to get ready for Advent and begin using the resources sent the week before.
- We offered an interactive wreath lighting and Godly Play story each Sunday during Advent.
- Eliana Haig led the children in a virtual song that was a part of the Christmas Eve pageant.
- We organized a virtual Christmas Eve pageant.

Thank you to the children of Holy Communion for attending and participating in Godly Play on Zoom. Thank you to the adults who help their children participate in Godly Play on Zoom. And thank you to the congregation for your prayers and support of this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Olliff