



# Growing in Faith Living in Grace

## Sunday School program for 2yr-2nd grade Godly Play



The specific ministry goals for this age group are:

- Respect the child's own experience of God
- Provide a place of beauty (attraction) and order (safe predictability)
- Allow children to have "ownership" by providing choice
- Guiding through a rich language of story, liturgy, parable and silence (Their minds are sponges for language.)
- Help them be a part of a circle of others in a social way
- Acknowledge they are concrete thinkers
- Help them "do it themselves"

These goals are informed by Godly Play—our approach to faith formation based on the Montessori teaching method and Christian liturgy. This program is a process of honoring the spirituality of children and offering them sacred space to encounter the story of God's people and the church. It is based on the Montessori method of education, and has rich language to foster children's imaginations and spiritual journeys.



The time in the Godly Play room echoes the rhythm of the Sunday worship service. Each week we **gather** together. Children are greeted and welcomed into the room by one of the teachers (who we call the doorkeeper) and into the circle where the other teacher (the storyteller) presents a **story** from the Bible or the life of the church using visual materials. The children choose how they **respond** to the story – through artwork, revisiting familiar stories they have heard before, and other forms of meaningful play. After they put their work away, they come together again in the circle to eat together a small and sacred **feast**, and then they are **sent out** again with a blessing

Sunday School starts at 10:00 AM

Sunday School rooms are located on the 3rd floor. Rooms can be accessed by stairs and elevator.

2-3 year olds meet in room 325-

Pre-K—Kindergarten in room 328

1st-2nd Grade in room 316



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