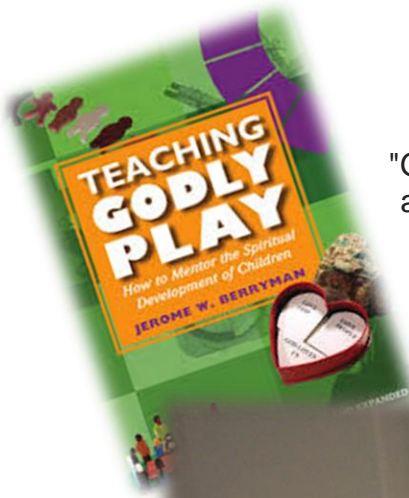


## Godly Play Children's Sunday School

"Godly Play" is an approach to children's spiritual formation based on creating a *sacred space* to present the stories of Christian faith. In Godly Play we experience our faith stories and wonder about them, together, then allow the children open-ended opportunities to respond to and engage with the stories on their own, using art supplies and manipulatives.



The stories are presented with simple props and without interpretation or moral instruction. After a story is presented, the children and the storyteller *wonder* together about the aspects of the story that draw their interest. For instance, with the parable of the Good Shepherd, they might wonder together *how the sheep felt as they followed the shepherd, or whether the sheep have names or how it might feel inside the sheepfold.*

After a time of exploring the story with *wondering*, the story is put away and the children choose an activity in response to what they feel is most important or most interesting in the story.

Children return from their response time to prayers and a "feast." (water or juice and crackers) The session concludes with an individual blessing for each child.

We have Godly Play classes for children ages 3yrs through 6th grade.

Go to this international Website for more about Godly Play.....

<http://www.godlyplayfoundation.org/newsite/Main.php>

