



In The Squiggle Space

Sunday School Starts Sunday, Sep. 9!

We will be following the Godly Play Curriculum fully this year. Last year, we transitioned from Spark Rotation curriculum to the Godly one, using a hybrid of both. The stories we will be doing in September are:

Circle of the Church Year-September 9

The Holy Bible-September 16

Creation-September 23

The Ark and the Flood-September 30

Sunday School Schedule

9:15–9:25 Enter the Squiggle space and be greeted. Children will have the opportunity to write down and pin up on the blessing board what they are feeling grateful for.

9:25–9:30 Get ready for the story. Light a candle and say opening prayer.

9:30–9:45 Story Presentation.

9:45–10:05 Respond to the story. Children respond to the story through art, writing, reading, or re-enacting the story.

10:05 to 10:10 Prepare and share the feast (snack).

10:10 to 10:20 Song time and ending prayer with Pastor Rhonda. Say good-bye.

Ways that parents can effectively support their children in the Godly Play program. Below is a partial excerpt from the Complete Guide to Godly Play (Volume 2) by Jerome Berryman.

- Follow the schedule as faithfully as you can.
- Please help your children arrive in plenty of time so they can be relaxed.

Questions and Concerns. Please contact either April Conlee or Nancy Curry, co-chairs of the Children's Ministry team as listed below. Pastor Rhonda Hlavinka and Deb Murphy are the SpringHouse staff reps.

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- It is best to say good-bye to your children at the doorway. This helps the door person help the child enter the room appropriately.
- It is also best not to hover at the doorway. Once your child enters the room, he or she will be safe. The mentors may be volunteers, but they are well trained.
- When you pick up your children, they may not be able to put into words what the lesson for the day was. They are not asked to memorize a summary or a Bible verse. They are invited to wonder together what the lesson means and how it is important for their lives.
- When you pick up your children, you will want to know what they have learned, but they will not always be able to tell you. They also may not have an art project or a work sheet to show you. The art is expressive art, and they may want to keep this private. Much of the significant communication in the room is nonverbal, and the history of the Christian tradition is full of teachings about how the mystery of God's presence is difficult to express.
- Please don't come into the room during the session so that the room can remain for the children. The mentors have been trained how to help maintain this child-centered focus by such things as talking softly. You are always welcome to come into the room after the class.

Children's Ministry Team. We meet October 7th at noon in the Sunday School (Squiggle Space).