



The Godly Play® method is a curriculum of spiritual practice exploring the mystery of God's presence in our lives. The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about religious education: God inviting us into—and pursuing us in the midst of—Scripture and spiritual experience. Godly Play practice teaches us to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God's call in our lives.

***What kinds of projects will my child do in Godly Play?*** In Godly Play, the children and the storyteller wonder silently and out loud together about the story. This time of verbal wondering is followed by a Work Time based on the Montessori approach that offers freedom of choice within carefully created limits. It may be listening to another story, or creating an art response, working with lesson materials, or reading a book.

Providence provides the Godly Play curriculum for children age 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade during each worship service. The children enter the Sanctuary or Taylor Hall and begin worship with their parents. Following A Time for Children, the children leave the worship space with a Godly Play Storyteller. Parents meet their children at the Godly Play room when worship has ended.

In Godly Play each session follows the pattern of the service for worship in the sanctuary, so children develop a deep understanding and enjoy fuller participation when they enter older grades and attend corporate worship. Every session follows the order of worship:

- Getting Ready
- Listening and Responding to the Word (lesson)
- Prayers of Thanksgiving
- Blessing (saying goodbye)

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