

Journey of Faith

We offer the following classes for children ages K - 6th grade.

Godly Play I (K&1) **Penny Bickford & Dawn Klinge** will teach stories from *Young Children and Worship* starting in Genesis and ending at Pentecost.

Godly Play II (1&2) **Tim Dillman, Deborah Briggs & JoAnn Gruener** will teach stories from *Godly Play* starting in Genesis and ending in Pentecost.

Godly Play III (3rd & 4th) **Hannah Azevedo** teaches the stories from the Book of Acts.

Beatitude Kids (4th - 6th) **Julia Barger** will be teaching about the lives of saints starting from the early church to modern times.

A Safe Place

Trinity Church seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for the children who participate in our church programs and activities. Nursery children are signed in and out by their parents. The other classes will meet their teachers in the Narthex before the sermon and return to the Sanctuary before Communion. **Please leave your cell phones on vibrate in the event we need your presence upstairs.**

Volunteers are trained in the Trinity Church Child Safety Policy. By implementing our Child Safety Practices, our goal is to protect the children of Trinity Church from harm, incidents of misconduct or inappropriate behavior while also protecting our staff and volunteers. This policy is available upon request.

*****In case of an emergency our team is trained to evacuate the building in a safe and orderly manner. Teachers and helpers will remain with the children until parents sign out each child. Parents will pick up their children at the outside yard on the southwest corner of the building on the corner of Peachy and Okanogan.***

PLEASE DO NOT GO UPSTAIRS TO FIND YOUR CHILDREN!

Sick Child Policy

It is our desire to provide a healthy and safe environment for all children at Trinity Church. Children with the following symptoms should NOT attend Sunday School:

*fever, diarrhea, or vomiting within the last 24 hours, eye or skin infections, and other symptoms of communicable or infectious disease.

If a child is observed to be ill, Trinity church workers will contact the parent or guardian and have them pick up the child as soon as possible.

Medications Policy

Trinity church workers will not administer prescription or nonprescription medications to the children in their care.

Medications should be administered by parents.

Exceptions to this medications policy may be granted to parents of children with potentially life-threatening conditions (such as asthma or severe allergic reactions). Parents of such children should address their situation with the Director of Children's Ministries and their child's specific teacher to develop a plan of action.

Food Allergies/Sensitivities

We do not serve snacks & drinks at this time.

Discipline Policy

The Trinity Church priority is keeping all children safe in class.

It is the policy of Trinity Church not to administer corporal punishment. Workers shall not spank, grab, hit or use any other physical discipline of children. Workers shall not use harsh words. Rather, Trinity Church workers shall use a firm calm voice to address the child and may place their hand on the child's shoulder.

Children may be restrained if they are in danger of hurting themselves or others. If this is necessary parents will be contacted as soon as possible.

Our Caring Team

All our volunteers are trained and love God and children. They have completed an application with references, passed a background check, completed child safety training and agree to follow Trinity Church Child Safety policy.

Kelsee Drain: Godly Play Director - 509-607-0785

Penny Bickford: Godly Play I - 509-433-4121

Andrew Drain: Godly Play I: 509-607-0784

Dawn Klinge: Godly Play I: 509-630-9060

Sharah Dorsing: Godly Play I: 509-793-5919

Deborah Briggs: Godly Play II: 210-633-6706

JoAnn Gruener: Godly Play II: 415-858-8232

Tim Dillman: Godly Play II: 760-315-2233

Amanda Brack: Godly Play II: 210-310-8922

Hannah Azevedo: Godly Play III: 509-396-8856

Claudia Wiggins: Godly Play III: 509-860-2232

Natalie Sparks: Beatitude Kids: 253-225-1262

Julia Barger: Beatitude Kids/Children's Director: 509-620-2456

2024 -25 Godly Play Schedule

9/22	Fall term begins.
12/1 - 22	Advent
12/29 - 1/5	Break for Christmas
1/19	Winter term begins.
4/20	Break for Easter
4/27	Spring term begins
6/8	Pentecost Sunday

Join the team! If you have been at Trinity for 6 months and would like to hear more about our team contact Kelsee Drain: 509-607-0785 or kelsee@trinitywenatchee.org.



Welcome to Godly Play at Trinity Church!

We are thankful for the opportunity to walk with your children as they grow in Grace and Truth by the power of the Spirit and the Word. Each Sunday, during the 2nd service, participants continue to worship in their Godly Play rooms. Song, scripture stories, art and prayer make up our weekly gatherings. Children return to the service after the sermon to join the congregation for Communion. Parents are most welcome to come and see what God is doing in our classes. We also love newcomers and visitors! Children can be registered online.

Biblical Curriculum:

All our storied Godly Play class scripts are taken from Scripture and come from *Godly Play* resources, books by Sonja Stewart: *Young Children and Worship* and *Following Jesus*, stories written by our team. What makes this curriculum unusual is the Montessori method which works from the principle that children learn best by doing and playing. So – we ‘play’ the Bible stories. Using wooden figures and scripts with minimal words, the Scriptures come alive for the children who respond both through art and questions.

Shaping their Biblical Imagination:

We are committed to communicating Scripture to children in such a way that they can enter the stories deeply and personally. Our goal is not pat answers but an encounter with Christ. We find that this best happens when the story is told quietly and compellingly, followed by a series of questions where the children get to ‘wonder’ together. Questions we ask are: I wonder what was your favorite part of the story? I wonder what was the most important part? I wonder how you would feel if Jesus looked at you? (... and other story-specific questions). I wonder where you are in this story, or if something like this has happened to you? During this time, the children share and relate their own lives to the story. Following this ‘wondering’ time, the children respond further through art or play – again, allowing the story to have its way with them in the deepest places in their lives and hearts.

“Godly Play is not a rote or transfer method of teaching and learning. It is a discovery method that engages the whole child - hands, heart, mind, senses, intuition. This is the best way for children (and adults!) to internalize what is being taught.” - Jerome Berryman in *the Complete Guide to Godly Play*