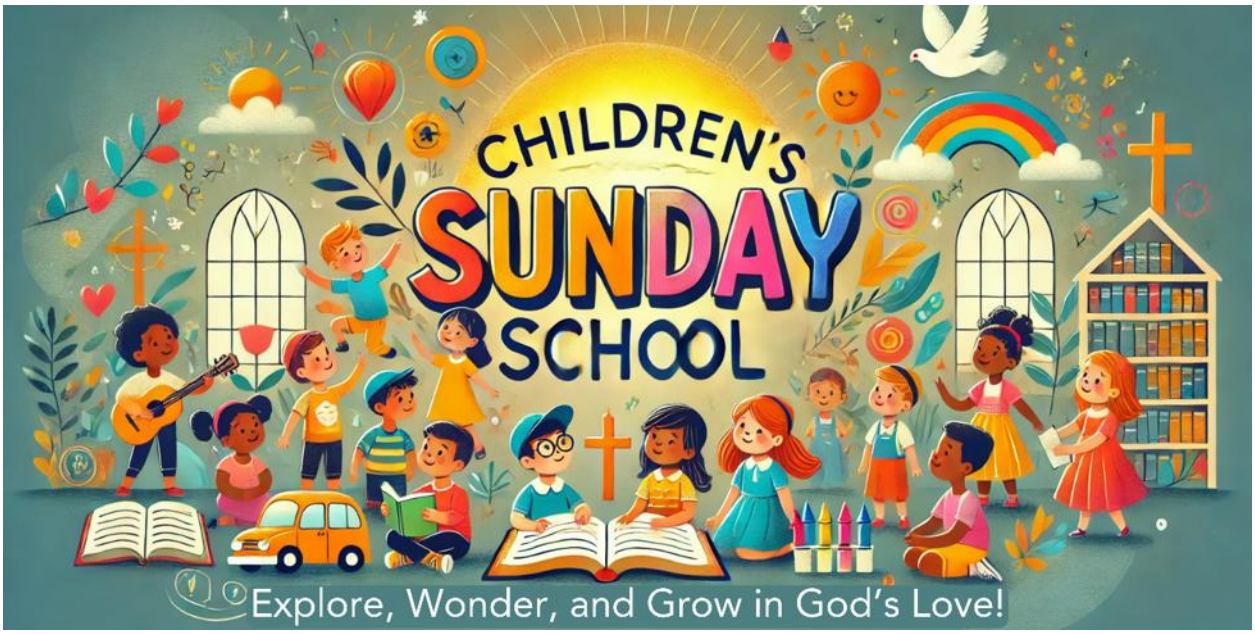


Children's Sunday School!

Our Preschool (Age 2 to PreK 5), Younger Elementary (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade), and Older Elementary (3rd to 5th Grade) children will meet for Sunday school to explore Bible stories, engage in meaningful activities, and grow in their faith through age-appropriate lessons and hands-on learning. The preschool class will meet in Room 305, the younger elementary class will meet in Room 214, and the older elementary class will meet in Room 212.

GODLY PLAY

Preschool and Younger Elementary Sunday School

Preschool and Younger Elementary classes will use the Godly Play curriculum to explore Bible stories through imaginative and interactive storytelling. Classes will begin in Room 304 and end their time in their separate classrooms.

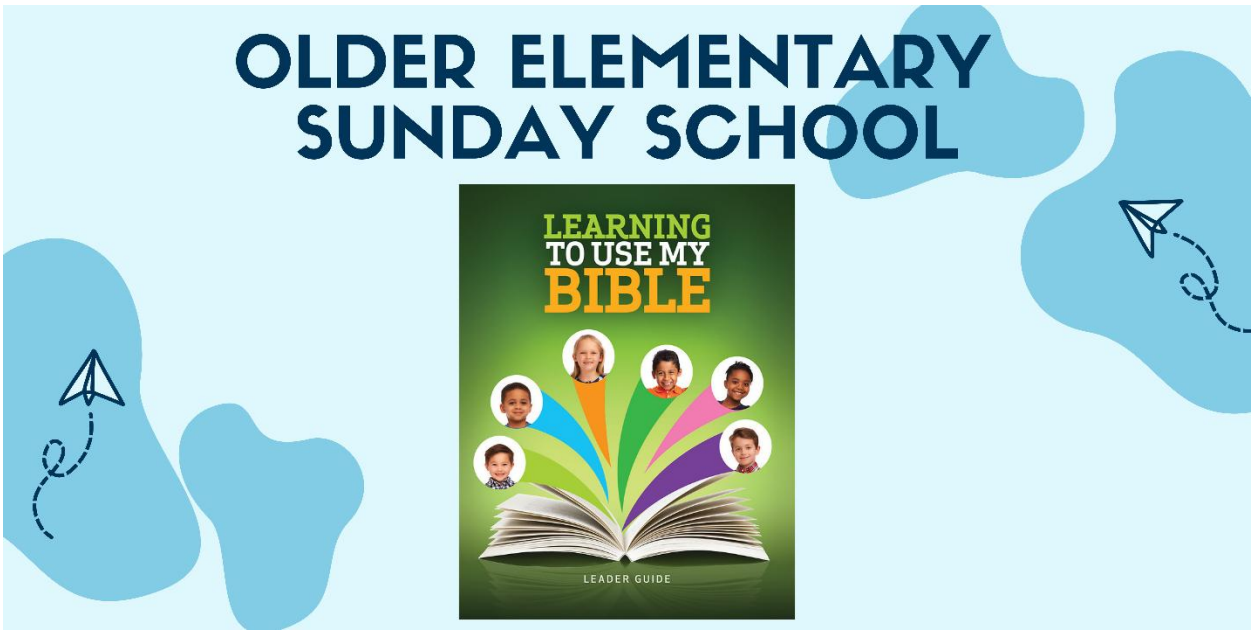
What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired approach to children's faith formation that invites them to explore Bible stories with wonder and imagination.

How It Supports Children's Spiritual Growth:

- **Engages Through Storytelling**: Uses hands-on materials to bring Bible stories to life.
- **Encourages Reflection**: Prompts children to wonder and connect personally with God's story.
- **Fosters Spiritual Growth**: Builds foundational skills for prayer, worship, and lifelong faith.
- **Creates a Safe Space**: Provides a calm, welcoming environment for creativity and community.

Godly Play nurtures children's faith by helping them see themselves as part of God's story in a meaningful and joyful way.



Older Elementary 8-Week Study!

Starting on Sunday, August 9th, our 3rd – 5th graders will begin an 8-week study titled, *Learning to Use My Bible*. This curriculum will help students acquire and practice skills that will help them understand how to use the Bible and build a foundation for studying the Bible.

Students – please bring your own Bible! If you do not have one that is CEB or NRSV, please let Pastor Hannah know.

Frolic Nursery: Little Steps, Big Faith

Our Nursery aged children (Birth to 1 year) will explore Frolic Nursery lessons. Drawing on brain science as well as theology, Frolic was designed by early childhood experts to build faith through play in babies, toddlers, and young children from birth to age five. Frolic uses Bible lessons, music, and play to help build a firm Faith foundation.

Start faith formation at birth

Uses a curriculum-based on early childhood best practices to help your little ones to take little steps to big faith—starting at birth.

Focuses on learning at their level

Frolic's curriculum focuses on helping young children explore faith concepts in the way they know best— through play!

Equips caregivers to nurture faith

Equips leaders and parents to nurture faith in many ways—through storytelling, prayers, and music.

Kids Connection will resume on September 2nd!

Need a break from a hectic week? Don't feel like cooking? Searching for community? Bring your family to Wednesday Night Together! Children will meet from 6:00-7:00 for a time of connection, fun and games, and life application in Room 202.

Save the Date!

If you don't already have a copy of the 2026-2027 Children's Ministry Calendar, you can access it here. We hope your family will join us at these upcoming events!

Little Lights and G.L.O.W. Kids Kick-off August 30th!

Little Lights

This service/fellowship group is for families with children age birth to 2nd grade. This is a family friendly group! Adults must remain with their child throughout the duration of the event. Invite a friend!

- **Little Lights Kick-Off**- Pool Party @ 4-6 p.m. on August 30th. Pizza will be provided. Please bring a drink or dessert to share. Location TBD.

G.L.O.W. Kids

This service/fellowship group is for children in 3rd – 5th grade. Invite a friend!

- **G.L.O.W. Kids Kick-Off-** Boat Day from 1-7 p.m. on August 30th. Please meet at the church van by 12:45. Don't forget to pack your swimsuit, sunscreen, and a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Thank you to Alan & Beth Morris for hosting us!

SAFER SANCTUARIES
Nurturing Trust within Faith Communities

Help St. Mark's be a Safe Sanctuary to all people entrusted to our care!

- Keep empty rooms locked
- Sign children in and out of classrooms
- Supervise your children at all times
- Accompany your children to the Restroom

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- Accompany your children to the Restroom
- Help us observe the two-adult rule at all times by serving as a Safe Sanctuaries helper
- If you see any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate, inform a ministry leader

Please contact Rev. Hannah Underwood at hannah@stmarkstn.org if you have any questions. Follow our St. Mark's Children's Ministry Facebook page and Instagram @stmarkstnkids for more information!

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