



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?

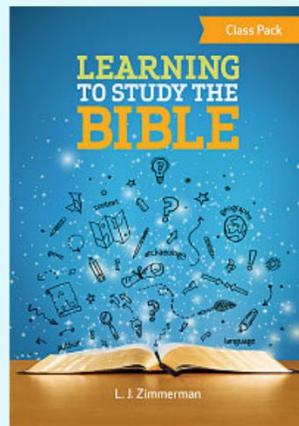
Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired approach to children's faith formation that invites them to explore Bible stories with wonder and imagination.

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL



Older Elementary 8-Week Study!

Starting on Sunday, August 10th, our 3rd – 5th graders will begin an 8-week study titled, *Learning to Study the Bible*. This curriculum will help students acquire and practice skills that will help them understand how to use the Bible, feel comfortable using the Bible, and build a foundation for studying the Bible.

On September 28th, 2nd-4th graders will be presented a Bible in worship. If your child is receiving a Bible, please RSVP to Hannah Underwood by this Wednesday!



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 is this Wednesday!

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.

Upcoming Events!



Fall Festival is November 1st!

St. Mark's Fall Festival will be on Saturday, November 1st from 4-6 p.m.! All ages are invited to attend. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and friends!

If your adult Christian Education class or group is interested in hosting a carnival game, please email Hannah Underwood by **Monday, October 13th**. An email will be sent out to adult Christian Education classes/ministry leaders this week with more information.

Fall Festival Donations

St. Mark's Family Ministries is collecting the following items for the upcoming Fall Festival:

- Candy
 - Yum Earth Allergy Free Candy
 - Prizes for children
- Monetary donations to help cover the cost of dinner for visitors

Please place all donations in the blue bins located in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting this community event!



Little Lights and G.L.O.W. Kids!

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! Click [here](#) for the Fall 2025 schedule.

- **September 28th @ 4-5 p.m.** – Packing Welcome Home baskets for families at Journey Home. Meet in the Banquet Hall. RSVP to Hillary Ward by 9/25.

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G.L.O.W. Kids

This service/fellowship group is for children in 3rd – 5th grade. Invite a friend! Click [here](#) for the Fall 2025 schedule.

- **September 28th @ 3-5 p.m.** – Packing Welcome Home baskets for families at Journey Home. See information above. RSVP to Hannah Underwood by 9/25.



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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Ways you can help:

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- Sign children in and out of classrooms
- Supervise your children at all times
- 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 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!

