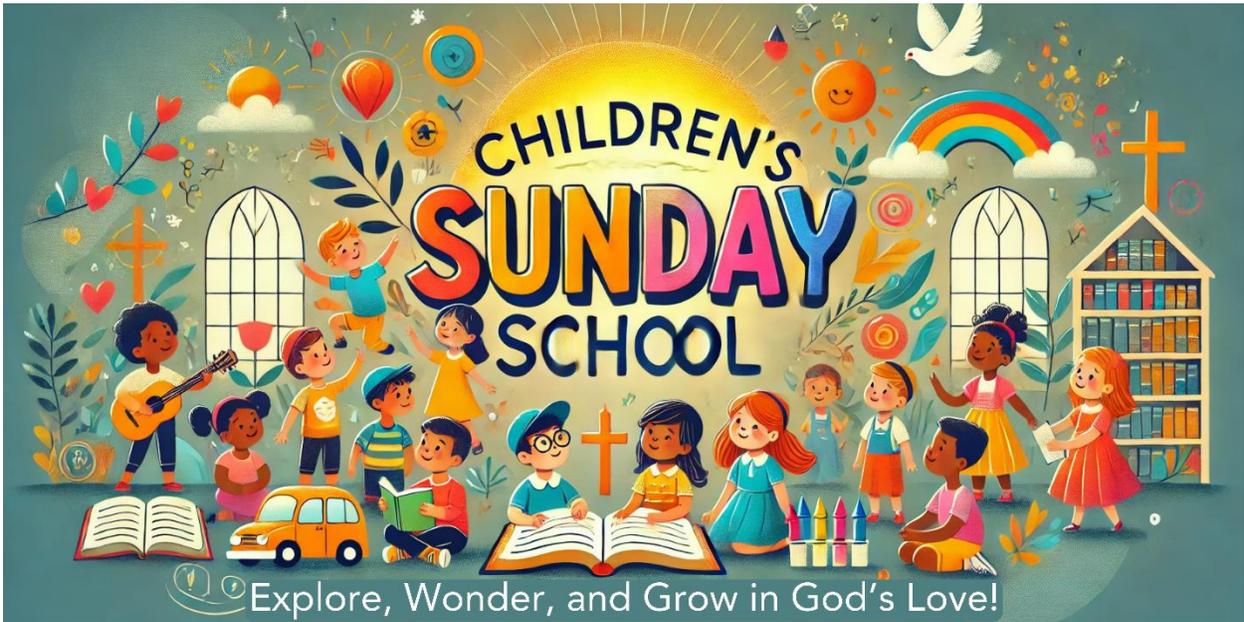




St. Mark's Kids



## 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?**

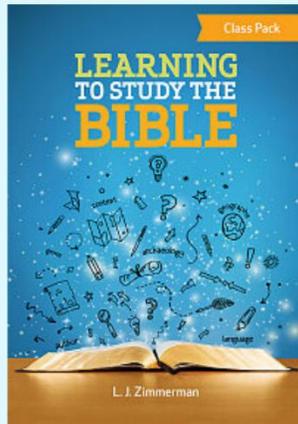
Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired approach to children's faith formation that invites them to explore Bible stories with wonder and imagination.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup>, our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders will be presented a Bible in worship. If you would like your child to receive a Bible, please [email](#) their full name to Hannah Pratt by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Stay tuned for more information!



## **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 August 27<sup>th</sup>!**  
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!



### **Save the Date!**

If you don't already have a copy of the 2025-2026 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 24<sup>th</sup>!**

### **Little Lights**

This service/fellowship group is for families with children age birth to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

- **Little Lights Kick-Off-** Pool Party at 1920 Higgins Ln. @ 4-6 p.m. on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Pizza will be provided. Please bring a drink or dessert to share.



### **G.L.O.W. Kids**

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

- **G.L.O.W. Kids Kick-Off-** Boat Day from 2-6 p.m. on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at the church van by 1:45 p.m. Don't forget to pack your swimsuit, sunscreen, and a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Thank you to Noland and Jeanette Noffsinger 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
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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

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