



Coming This Summer!

Our Preschool (Age 2 to PreK 5), Younger Elementary (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade), and Older Elementary (3rd to 5th Grade) children will gather for Summer Sunday School from 9:15 to 10:15. These classes will explore the Godly Play curriculum together. Each week, children will engage in a time of storytelling, wondering, response work, snack, and a closing blessing before they depart. Classes will begin in Room 304. Parents and caregivers can pick up Preschool-age children in Room 305 and Elementary-age children in Room 214.



GODLY PLAY

Summer Sunday School

Preschool and 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 way.



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.



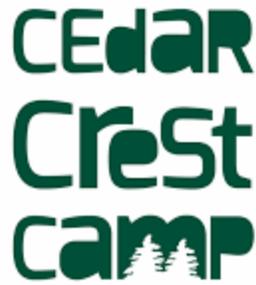
Focuses on learning at their level

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



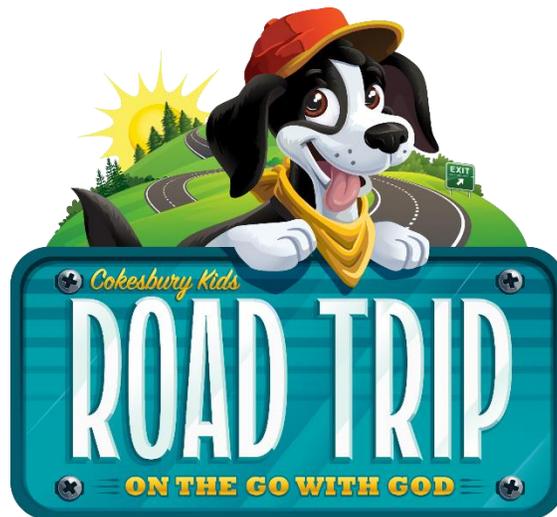
Equips caregivers to nurture faith

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



Cedar Crest Camp Summer Registration

If you have registered your child/youth for Cedar Crest Camp this summer, please click [here](#) to inform us which week they are attending. We will send camp scholarships for the students listed on this list!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the leaders, helpers, and volunteers who served at Vacation Bible School! We had a wonderful week discovering how God is always with us throughout life's journey. We could not have done this without you!

Plan to join us next year for a Snowball Mountain Challenge! Save the Date! June 22-25, 2026



Save the Date!

We will celebrate St. Mark's students, teachers, and school staff on Sunday, August 3rd during the 10:30 a.m. worship service as they prepare to begin the 2025-2026 school year.

Students- please bring your backpacks for the blessing of the backpacks!

Upcoming Events!



July Little Lights and G.L.O.W. Kids Meet-Ups!

Stay tuned for a list of July meetups coming soon!



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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- 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 Pratt 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!

