

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Great Idea!



A word from several of our partner churches...

How do you signal the start of a new school year? Do you bless backpacks in worship? Pray for teachers and students returning to the classroom? Hold a special event sending youth to college or children to a new school?

This summer at Montreat we created the bag tags above using a template from [Illustrated Ministries](#). This was as popular as our stole making and a number of the children produced multiple bag tags to give to others at the conference regardless of age. What do you have planned in your church for this season of new beginnings?

Kathy Dawson, Wonder of Worship Project Director



Fall Regional Gatherings

Registration is now open for both of our regional gatherings this fall on the topic of Neurodiversity and Worship. Whether you come to the one-day Houston event at St. Philips Presbyterian Church (September 13) or the two-night Montreat event (October 28-30), I'm sure you will leave more knowledgeable on this topic and with tools you can use to enhance your worship experience for all.

Wonder of Worship funds everything except for travel for these events. Feel free to reach out at wow@ctsnet.edu if you have any questions. Here are the registration links: [Houston](#) and [Montreat](#)

Godly Play Fall Training Registration Begins September 1

We have gotten a number of inquiries about the fall Godly Play training session that will be held on Columbia Theological Seminary's campus on November 17-19, 2025.

Be assured that registration for this training will open on September 1 with the next newsletter. Everyone that is on our WoW mailing list will have first opportunity for being one of the 12 people registered for this event. If a church would like to send two people as a team that would be fine.

This 3-day training is fully funded by WoW except for travel.



Partnering with Big Faith Resources

During our emphasis on neurodiversity and worship this fall we are partnering with Big Faith Resources, another Lilly Endowment Grant based at Westminster PC in Oklahoma City. Check out their resources on this topic [here](#).

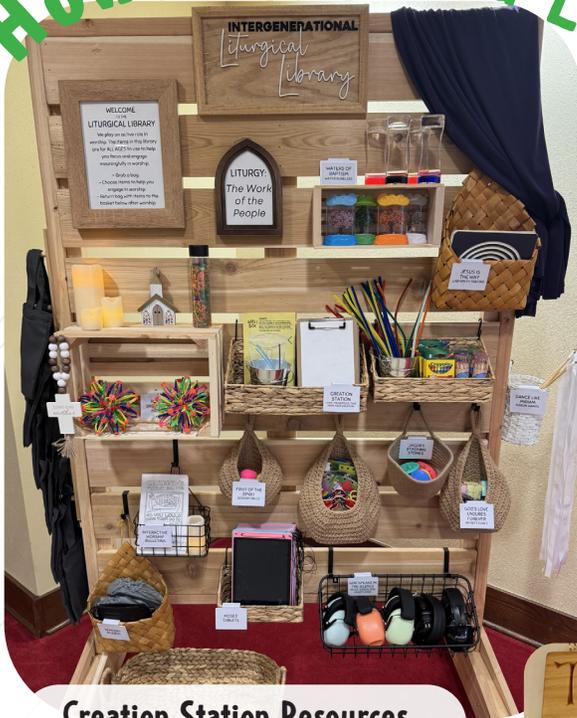
How To Build a Liturgical Library



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Helping Children Engage in Worship

A **Liturgical Library** offers a variety of creative tools for all ages to use to engage in worship. It makes space for a variety of responses in worship, acknowledging that our brains and bodies all have different needs when it comes to focusing, learning, listening, and worshipping. With a Liturgical Library, worshipers can self-select what tools they'd like to engage with during worship. Filling the library with neuro-affirming items ensures that all worshipers, including those who are neurodivergent, can use the tools for regulation, sensory input, and worship engagement. All ages are welcome to use the materials in the library- the need for movement, creativity, play, delight, and regulation is not limited to children (though they are often our best teachers for how to do it!).



Creation Station Resources

- [Wikki Stix](#)
- [Pipe cleaners](#)
- Crayons (both regular and [large size](#) for smaller hands)
- [Mini colored pencil sets](#)
- [Small clipboards](#)



Engaging Resources

use Biblical titles for the resources to make even more connections!

- Moses' Tablets [LCD tablets](#)
- [Interactive worship bulletins](#)
- Dance like Miriam [Ribbon wands](#)
- Lacing cards – [option 1](#), [option 2](#), [option 3](#)



Display Materials

- Wood – *our display was made by an intergenerational team of two congregation members with woodworking skills.*
- [Coat Rack](#) (attached to the side of display to hang the bags)
- [Mini Tote Bags](#) (to hold the chosen supplies)
- [Clear bags](#) (use for crayons, wiki stix, etc.)
- Variety of hanging baskets – [option 1](#), [option 2](#), [option 3](#), [option 4](#)
- [Pails](#)
- [Hooks](#)
- Basket for returned bags
- [Signs](#)
- [Clear Mailing Labels](#) (to print & place on signs)
- Fabric in liturgical colors – changed out each season
- Liturgical season signs (perhaps made by a local woodworker)
- [LED Candles](#) (create a sacred space)
- [Folding step stool](#)

How it Works

Place the Liturgical Library in a noticeable and easily accessible location. Grab a bag and add items you'd like to use to engage in worship. After worship, return the bag (keeping the items in the bag) to the basket at the base of the library. The items in the bags are cleaned with Clorox wipes and added back to the library during the week.

Sensory Tools/Fidgets

- God's Love Endures Forever [Infinity Cubes](#)
- Fruit of the Spirit [Sensory Balls](#)
- [Clutch Crosses](#)
- Jacob's Stacking Stones [Sensory Stones](#)
- Waters of Baptism bubblers – [option 1](#), [option 2](#)
- Sensory boards – [option 1](#), [option 2](#)
- Jesus is the Way Labyrinths – [option 1](#), [option 2](#), [option 3](#)
- Noise-canceling headphones – [adult](#), [child](#)
- Ruach [Breathing Balls](#)



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