

# Christ Church Sunday School

## Starting September 16!

Here at Christ Church, we gather to worship God—Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter; to learn from God's Holy Word; to receive nourishment at God's table; and to grow in knowledge of and friendship with Jesus. We strive to welcome children in these experiences in ways that are joyous and accessible.

Our Children's Education programs respect each child's unique spirituality, support each child's self-development as a beloved child of God, and foster each child's reliance on the divine spark within to love God, self and others.

Children in PreK through Fifth Grade are invited and encouraged to join our Sunday School classes which begin on September 16th following the 10AM service. Classes end promptly at 12 noon for parent pick-up at the classrooms, but there is always a warm welcome waiting for children in the Nursery, should an adult education program run past noon.

**Parents: Please join Ms. Ann Enkiri downstairs in the Parish Hall on Sunday, Sept. 16th** after the 10 AM service, to register your child(ren) and to learn more about our Children's Education Sunday classes and special events. Our classes are as follows:

### **PreK (3 & 4 year olds), Kindergarten (1st Lower Level, Godly Play Classroom)**

Godly Play: This is an engaging, Montessori approach to experiencing sacred stories from the Old and New Testaments. After wondering about the Story, children respond with art and dramatic play as well as by using the Story manipulatives. Children learn about the life of Jesus, "getting ready" times in the church year—Advent and Lent, and especially focus on the feasts of Christmas and Easter.

### **Grades 1 - 3 (Lower Level, Grades 1 - 3 Classroom)**

Living the Good News: This is a lectionary-based curriculum, differentiated for the developmental and learning needs of our students in Grades 1-3. Students hear/read Sunday's Gospel and make connections to their own lives—at home and at school through discussion, art, music, and small projects. As we follow the church year, students grow in church literacy with special lessons on the seasons of the church, liturgical practices, the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist.

### **Grades 4 & 5 (Upper Level, Grades 4 & 5 Classroom)**

Living the Good News: This is a lectionary-based curriculum, differentiated for the developmental and learning needs of our students in Grades 4 & 5. Students learn to locate the Gospel in the Bible, to hear/read Sunday's Gospel, to reflect on significant words and phrases. This light approach to *lectio divina* prepares the students to express their ideas about how Sunday's Gospel may help them in their own spiritual growth and may guide their actions in their expanding world of home, school, special activities, and community service. Students will learn about the different ministries at Christ Church and will be encouraged to find ways to participate in our church life.

Parish volunteers co-teach on a rotational basis and **we welcome new adult volunteers** on a regular or substitute basis. Parents have a standing invitation to join their child(ren) in class.

Questions? Please contact **Ms. Ann Enkiri**, Children's Ministries Coordinator at [sundayschool@ccpk.org](mailto:sundayschool@ccpk.org)