

Christian Education at Trinity Episcopal

Children:

Sunday- Ages 2-high school- Sunday school begins at 9:30. A variety of curriculum styles are used.

2-3 year olds- *Gospel Light*, a fun Sunday school program using a weekly message about the bible is utilized. Music and fun sticker activities help bring the message alive for the children.

Pre-K —Kindergarten- the *Godly Play* and *Young Children in Worship* models are used. This different style of leading Sunday school was developed by an Episcopal priest. Beautifully carved wood figures are used to tell a story from the Bible, and the Holy Spirit is invited in the room to be the teacher.

First- Second Grade- Also uses the *Godly Play* model. In this class, the responses will be more tailored to this age group.

Third-Fourth Grade- The *Godly Play* program is adapted for the older children in a wonderful way in this classroom. The children are challenged to wonder deeper into the stories, parables, and liturgical actions.

Fifth- Sixth Grade- The *Episcopal Lectionary* series will be used in this class which is called Living the Good News. Class discussion also dictates the topics of focus.

Seventh- 12th Grade - *The Episcopal Lectionary* series will be used in this classroom to foster an in-depth discussion of the day's readings. The focus of the class will be pertinent to the student's everyday lives.

All children except 2-3 year olds will be released from their classes at 10:25 to meet their families in the church. For safety purposes, we ask parents to pick up their 2-3 year olds from their classes and escort them to church.

Adults:

Many opportunities exist for adults to study at Trinity. If there is not a class which meets your interest, please contact Fr. Daggett or Amy Schulze.

10:30: During the service many activities continue for the children. 2-3 year olds are invited to attend their own Godly Play class. See description above. All older children are invited to participate in Children's Choir. When Choir is not practicing or performing, we will have a Children's Chapel. Children will be excused from Church to attend these activities.

Wednesdays:

10:30AM – Morning Prayer and Adult Bible Study

12:10PM – Eucharist Service.

4:30PM – Homework Help – this mentoring program is available to all children who would like assistance with homework. Adult volunteers will be available for tutoring, or just to help the children with reading skills, or to play an educational game on the computer.

5:45PM, all children are welcome to attend a Godly Play class or another age appropriate

activity and a pot luck dinner. Children under 2 will be supervised by the nursery staff. Each family is encouraged to sign up to bring an item for all to share for dinner. During the class, the adults are encouraged to attend a Eucharist which begins at 6:00. This is a great fellowship meeting of many ages. The children are dismissed at 7:30.

6:00PM- Eucharist Service is held and followed by a potluck dinner, and Bible study conducted by Fr. Daggett.

Sundays:

9:30- The Adult Sunday School Class will meet in the Common Room opposite the parish office. The class will be lead by Fr. Daggett or Deacon James. The topics will include the day's reading.

Confirmation Classes:

Confirmation classes are held periodically, depending upon the Bishop's scheduled visitation. Anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal faith or who just have questions are welcome to participate. Fr. Paul will notify the parish when these classes are to be held.

The Alpha Course:

The Alpha Course is a 15 week course which is designed to help answer some of the big questions someone might have regarding the Christian faith. This is a great class for not only new Christians but those that might want to learn more. See Fr. Daggett for more details.

Individual Bible Study:

We have many resources available to you in the church library in the narthex. We have books, videos, and music ready to be checked out for up to a month at a time.

Forward Day By Day: This little booklet is wonderful for encouraging reading of the bible daily. The book is free and is in a small pocket size or larger print. Each day an author meditates on the day's reading.

Booklets and pamphlets are available in the Memorial Room to help answer specific questions you might have about the Episcopal faith or just faith in general.

*our goal with Christian Education at Trinity Church is to "Equip the saints."