

Space

- Gives time to processes
- Understands and promotes a safe environment
- Creates somewhere to be and to think

Process

- Involves being open
- Gives permission to explore
- Values questions
- Discovers truth
- Gives freedom to face difficulties...
- Encourages different languages to support spirituality
- Values both verbal and non-verbal knowledge

Imagination

- Understands, affirms and supports play
- Enables an exploration of the light and the dark
- Opens channels for deepening spirituality
- Enables mutual learning

And calling to him a child, Jesus put him in the midst of them and said, 'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'
(Matthew 18.1-3)

Jesus calls us to put the child in the midst.



The SPIRIT of Godly Play does this.



Relationships

- Build the circle
- Promote equality in the community

Intimacy

- Creates opportunities for valuing the self and others
- Values each person
- Respects autonomy
- Works to include rather than exclude
- Calls out the good in people
- Honours an ethic of blessing

Trust

- Has faith in the power of story
- Values silence
- Encourages the importance of vulnerability
- Allows power to dance around the circle
- Values each person's spirituality
- Allows people to take responsibility for their actions and words

From *Children's Spirituality: What it is and Why it Matters* by Rebecca Nye, CHP, 2009

Godly Play

- ❖ is a creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture
- ❖ can be used in a variety of settings: churches, schools, hospitals, care homes
- ❖ is based on tried and tested approaches
- ❖ uses symbols and objects as well as words
- ❖ values process, openness and discovery

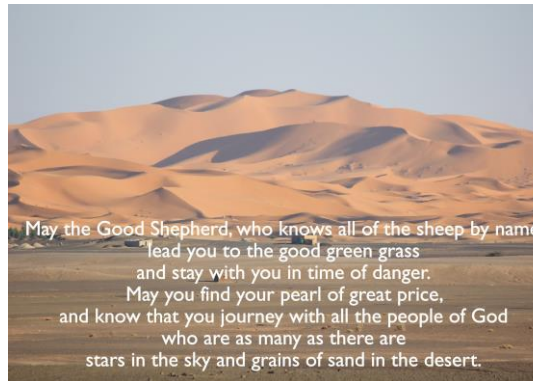
The Heart of Godly Play

- ❖ creating sacred space
- ❖ building and working in community
- ❖ learning religious language
- ❖ using religious language to make meaning

Experience Godly Play through

- ❖ short online experience session
- ❖ introductions
- ❖ core training over three days
- ❖ retreats

*A Christian movement centred on childhood spirituality
providing training to transform thinking and practice for the whole of life*



We are part of a world-wide movement that supports childhood spirituality, drawing on a method that values openness, imagination and Christian tradition. Developed by Jerome Berryman in the United States, and based on Montessori educational principles, Godly Play is now practised in a variety of denominations across the world.



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Our visions and values are rooted
in childhood spirituality with
implications for life-long learning

