

# Sunday School Classroom Chat



**Good Shepherd  
Episcopal Church**  
Quarterly Flyer  
SEPT 2011 – NOV 2011

**OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET  
BETWEEN SERVICES FROM 10:00 A.M. –  
10:50 A.M. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US!**

## Circle of Discovery

Location: Classroom 2

Circle of Discovery is available at the beginning of each worship service for children 4 through 6 years of age in Classroom #2. Children will hear the Message of the Gospel or Lessons for the day, explore hands-on items used in our worship each Sunday, celebrate the seasons of the Church, be able to create and share their feelings about what they have discovered.

Parents will be asked to sign their children in and the staff will bring them into the Sanctuary at the time of the Peace to participate in the Eucharist. Please contact Deb Mullin or Mikki Shields if you have any questions!

## Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Location: Classroom 1

Over the summer, we introduced Godly Play in our preschool through 1st grade classroom. We are excited to be continuing with this program throughout the school year. Godly Play is a Montessori-based method of Christian formation based upon the recognition that children have an innate sense of the presence of God. All they lack is the appropriate language to help them identify and express it so it can be explored and strengthened. Godly Play gives children the opportunity to learn the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence and direction in their lives.

Over the next three months, as our children embark on their Godly Play journeys, they will hear important stories of our faith - starting with Creation taking them through to the Exile and Return. If you are curious about Godly Play, you may read more at <http://www.godlyplayfoundation.org/newsite/Main>, or join us for a Godly Play session! If you would like to join us, let us know ahead of time when you would like to visit.

**Rebekah Blakley and Gina Aguirre – Teachers**

### ADULTS!!!

Don't forget to join us  
for

Adult Sunday school  
located in the  
Adult classroom  
(Classroom 6).

*Taste and see that the  
Lord is good; blessed is  
the man who takes  
refuge in him.*

*Psalm 34:8*



**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**

**Location: Classroom 7**

Greetings from the 2/3 grade Classroom! We are so excited to start another year with our kiddos! We are happy to see so many kids enrolled and for our class size to grow!

As Sunday school gets underway, we plan on reviewing and memorizing the Lord's Prayer. We will draw the Lord's Prayer and make a prayer ribbon that will help us remember it. After that, we will begin studying some of Jesus' important parables. We look forward to a great year with our class! Please stop in and see us anytime.

***Rachel Kossover and Patty Eleeson – Teachers***

**Club 4/5**

**Location: Classroom 8**

**Middle School**

**Location: Classroom 4**

**High School**

**Location: Classroom 5**

Grades 4/5, Middle School, and Senior High classes are using age-appropriate Bible storying. ***The purpose of Storying is to create an environment for both leaders and students to experience and join in God's Story.*** Although each class will be hearing the same story, the interaction and activities will be geared to the age and interests of the group. More information on the method being used can be found at <http://www.echothestory.com/home/> .

For thousands of years, stories were the key means for Jewish and Christian people to learn and experience God. Storying is a sequential telling of Bible stories followed by a time of review and dialogue. Founded in the ancient Hebrews approach to the scriptures, storying is a unique learning process, revolving around energetic storytelling, imaginative observation and lively dialogue.

**Leaders for these groups are Carol Maddox, Rich Harvey, Cara Ledy, Danette Friedel, Markus Shields, and Karen Bloss.** If you would like to join this team of leaders or are just curious, contact any leader and they will answer your questions.