Godly Play - March and April 2026

March finds us in Lent, a season when many people look for ways to more intentionally nurture their relationship with God. Jesus Christ's life, ministry, and death are remembered during this season. It's also a time to think about how God is with us all the time. In Godly Play, we move into this time of "getting ready" for the mystery of Easter. We are changing the underlay for the Holy Family and our Calendar to purple, a "serious color", and listening to stories about Jesus' life and work, and then changing to the white that represents Easter.

March 1st- The Mystery of Easter - These six weeks are a solemn time, overflowing with meaning. This Godly Play presentation introduces the relationship of Lent to the Mystery of Easter.

March 8th - Jesus feeds the 5,000 - In this gospel story, found in Mark 6:30-31, 41-44 and John 6-1-15, Jesus tells his disciples to feed the many people with a few loaves and fishes. The story introduces this miracle in the context of other miracles like healing the sick and Jesus' teaching, which are part of "Jesus's work". We wonder "how the crowd feels...", and "how the disciples feel about what just happened...", and "why the crowd thinks that Jesus is the Christ".

March 15th - Jesus and the Children - This story tells of children who wanted to see Jesus too but are prevented from doing so. Jesus says "Let the little children come to me. Do not stop them for to such belongs the kingdom of God**." (**Luke 18: 15-17). We wonder "how the children felt", and "what it was like to be close to Jesus".

No Godly Play on March 22nd (Fourth Sunday)

March 29th - **The Story of Holy Week** (Palm Sunday) - This story covers Jesus' final week from Palm Sunday to the resurrection. We explore Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, betrayal, crucifixion, and the empty tomb, encouraging children to wonder about the mystery of Easter and Christ's presence **Children will process with the congregation at the beginning of the 10:00 service, stopping at the classroom. **We'll be painting wooden easter eggs after the 10:00 service.**

April 5th is Easter Sunday and there will be no Godly Play that day. *Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:00 service.*

April 12th - The Crosses - this presentation introduces many beautiful crosses of different shapes and sizes. Each cross has a card which explains each shape and its origin. The children are invited to think about which cross they like best, and to make crosses for their work for the day.

April 19th - **Synagogue and the Upper Room -** The first part of this Godly Play presentation evokes the liturgy of the word, which the Christian church developed from the readings and the discussions about them in the Jewish synagogue. The second part of the presentation evokes the liturgy of the table, which Jesus instituted during the Last Supper in the upper room. In the Godly Play room, the synagogue and upper room are joined together to form a model of Christian worship and much more.

No Godly Play on April 26th (Fourth Sunday)

**We will have parent pages for Godly Play stories available in Room 4 each Sunday. Be sure to pick one up when you sign your child(ren) in.*