

WELCOME TO SHINE!

COME AND EXPLORE OUR CURRICULUM, *SHINE: LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT*

Shine: Living in God's Light is a dynamic Sunday School curriculum that nurtures children and youth in their faith formation by:

Helping them know, love, and follow God
Engaging them in the language and habits of worship
Respecting them as partners in ministry
Encouraging them to engage directly with scripture
Considering how God is working in the world and
how we can participate
Learning how to share our faith with others



In *Shine*, storytelling is the central focus of the Bible teaching. Children are invited to enter the story, participate in the story, and live the story:

Sometimes in our teaching, we rush through the story, to move quickly to the moral. We hurry to explain what the story means. When we do this, we short-circuit the story's power. But when we take time to relive the story and enter it, it has power to shape us, to give us identity.

- Ron Guengerich's "The Centrality of Story in Jubilee" in *Jubilee Guidebook*

Bible storytelling is an interactive experience within this curriculum, using costumes, visual aids, drama, and story figures to bring the story to life. Children are then invited to respond to the story through a variety of experiences: art, drama, movement, music, sensory-based, nature, and journaling. During this time of response, teachers and assistants initiate *wondering and reflecting* questions to help children enter deeper into their understanding of the story, to find out how the story speaks to them.



EXAMPLES OF WONDER QUESTIONS:

I wonder what your favorite part of the story is?

I wonder what part of the story is most important to you?

I wonder who you are in this story?

What did you wonder about as you listened to this story?