

Godly Play uses the Montessori method to tell Bible stories. It was developed by Jerome Berryman and uses simple materials to tell parables, sacred stories and liturgical lessons.

The listeners are invited to connect with the stories through wondering questions.

Godly Play is used extensively with adults and children in many settings, from schools to hospitals, churches to aged care facilities.



Messy Church provides an informal environment for all-ages to explore and experience faith and worship through crafts, food and celebration.

It's primarily for people who don't belong to another form of church already.

It usually includes some creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a celebration time which might involve story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a meal together.



Caryl Menkhus Creswell is recorded (ordained) in the Quaker tradition and pastored among programmed Friends for 13 years. She was introduced to Godly Play over 15 years ago and continues her journey of becoming fluent in this language by being on the floor regularly with children. Caryl has served as the Director of Training for the Godly Play Foundation and continues to travel nationally and internationally to train and support Godly Play practitioners. She brings a wealth of practical experience and passionate spirituality to her training practice. You will learn about Godly Play as well as be spiritually nurtured and encouraged.

Widowed 20 years ago, she and Jeff (also a widower) were married just over a year ago and are enjoying sharing in this life-changing work together.

A transcript of an ABC interview with Caryl from her visit to Australia last year can be found at:

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/spiritofthings/play-it-again-god/2924924>

Jeff Creswell was trained as a Godly Play trainer in January 2012. He has been facilitating Courage and Renewal® retreats since 2000 for clergy and

congregational leaders, educators and cross-professional groups. He was a classroom teacher in Portland, Oregon for 32 years, and is an educational consultant sharing the Scottish Storyline method with educators. He is a member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral where he sings in the choir. He and his wife, Caryl enjoy spending time with their blended family of eight children and three grandchildren.



Organised by the Task Group of the Education services Committee of the Hunter Presbytery of the Uniting Church in Australia

A day of wonder

Godly Play & Messy Church, expo experience.

Children and Adults from church congregations, their children's activities and families are invited to come and experience the wonder of God through Godly Play and Messy church experiences.

30th June 2012

Toronto Uniting Church
118 The Boulevard Toronto



GODLY PLAY and BUILDING CIRCLES OF TRUST An Education initiative of The Hunter

Last year, the Uniting Church in Australia launched Godly Play in Australia. Caryl Menkhus-Creswell was one of the International Trainers who came to help birth the new movement at an event held at the ELM Centre.

The Hunter has invited them both to present at our Children's Ministry Expo at Toronto UC on Saturday June 30 AND lead an Afternoon for Pastoral Leaders at Broadmeadow UC.

experience

This is an opportunity for children and adults to experience what Godly Play and Messy Church are about and how it may be used.

9:30 am Register & Browse Expo Stalls

9:50 am Official Opening / Prayer / Directions

10:00 am Experiences

Option 1 Godly Play Experience 1
Caryl Menkhous & Jeff Creswell

Option 2 Messy Church Experience 1
Maitland Eastside UC

Option 3 Browse Expo Stalls

11:00 am Morning Tea (provided)

11:30 am Experience

Option 1 Godly Play Experience 2
Caryl Menkhous & Jeff Creswell

Option 2 Weave Godly Play & Messy Church into
Local Children / Family Ministry
Judyth Roberts

Option 3 Men's Shed Wood-working Ideas

Option 4 Browse Expo Stalls

Noon Men's Shed Wood-working Ideas
Caryl Menkhous

12:30 pm Lunch BYO

learn

Afternoon

1:30 pm Children's Spirituality – Part 1
Caryl Menkhous

2:30 pm Afternoon Tea Break (provided)

3:00 pm Spirituality for Everyone – Part 2
Caryl Menkhous & Jeff Creswell

4:00 pm Close

Resources available will include stalls with information and resources that may be purchased

- Books
- Godly play materials
- Men's shed
- After Primary School What?



Morning and afternoon tea provided

BYO Lunch

Toronto shops are close by.

Cost Adults \$5, Children Free

Other donations towards costs
would be gladly accepted

Contact

Registrations to: Toronto Uniting Church,
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REGISTRATION

SATURDAY MORNING EXPERIENCE

Contact Person _____

Church _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

No. Of children _____ No. of Adults _____

Cost \$5 adults—children free

Please note

- Permission forms and supervision for children attending will be your responsibility
- We ask that you keep to the ratio of no more than 5 children per adult.
- Spaces will be limited to the size of the venue

AFTERNOON LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Name _____

Church _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____