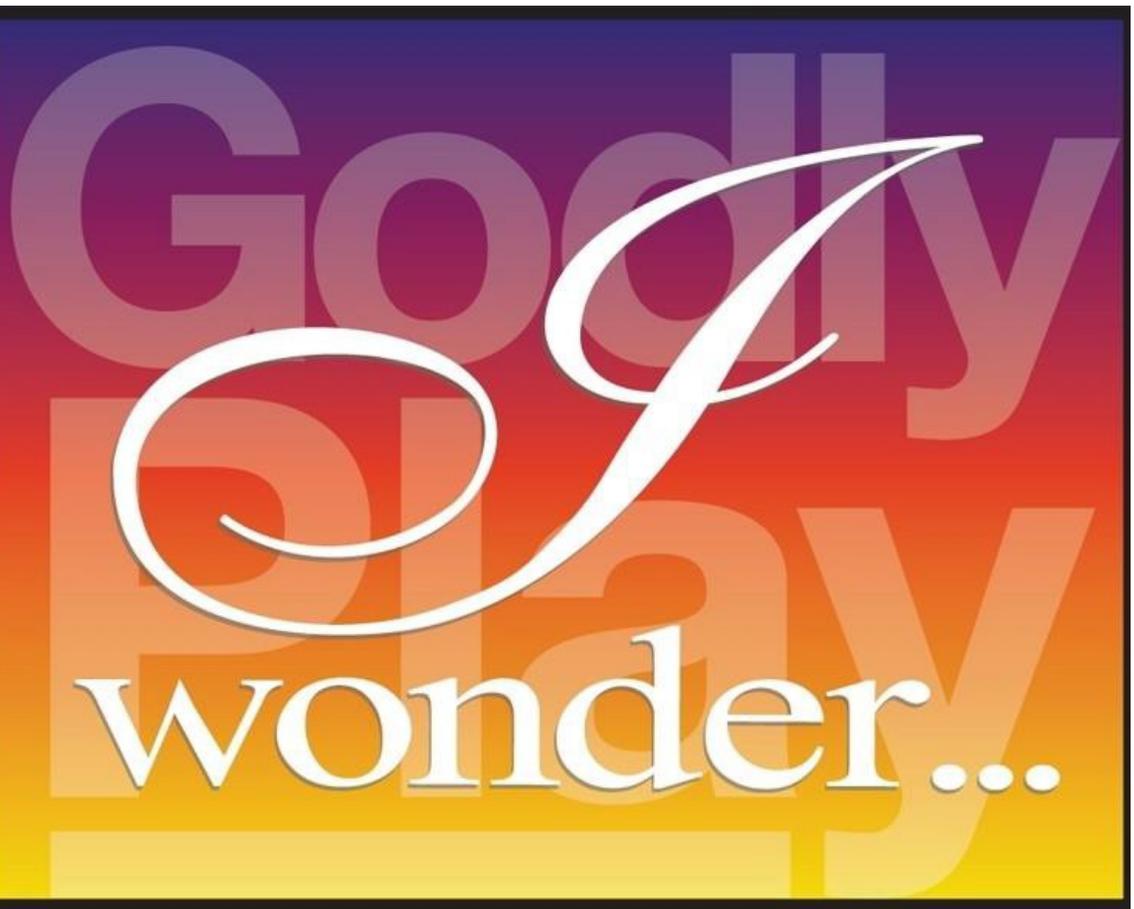


GODLY PLAY CORE TRAINING

Become an accredited Godly Play Storyteller and Doorkeeper

St George's on-the-Hill Anglican Church
4600 Dundas Street West
Etobicoke ON

Thursday 3:30-
Saturday 4:00,
October 19 -
21, 2017



Discover *Godly Play* from the inside out.

There are lots of things you can learn from a lecture, but Godly Play must be learned from the inside out. This training will enable that to happen. You will experience and tell Godly Play stories, and learn how to set up and manage a Godly Play space and session. You will deepen your understanding of the spirituality of children. You will achieve greater clarity about the foundations of Godly Play, and leave spiritually refreshed.

All learning will take place in a prayerful atmosphere of give and take with accredited and experienced Godly Play trainers.

Prior experience with Godly Play is helpful, but not absolutely necessary for this training. To get the most out of your experience, we recommend reading *Teaching Godly Play: How to Mentor the Spiritual Development of Children*, by Jerome W. Berryman before attending the training.

A Godly Play Canada Certificate of Accreditation will be awarded upon completion.

The training begins at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 19 and ends at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 21, 2017. You must attend the entire training to be accredited.

What is Godly Play?

Godly Play teaches children the art of using Christian language to help them become more aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives.

Godly Play is a way to draw closer to God and to make meaning of our lives. This approach is different from the traditional model in which a teacher tells children what they need to know and believe. Godly Play helps children discover God for themselves.

Godly Play connects the stories of God's people with the child's own experience and relationship with God. The goal of Godly Play is to show how to be open to the Holy Spirit, the Creator and the Redeemer all at once and all the time in every place.

You will examine key relationships:

- Community of Children
- Doorkeeper and Storyteller
- Parents and Congregations

You will discover new ideas:

- Godly Play Environment
- Spirituality of the Child
- Group Dynamic

You will experience three story genres:

- Sacred Stories
- Parables
- Liturgical Action Stories



Our Trainers

Ruth Cairns is an accomplished and recognized educator. An elementary teacher and principal with the Toronto District School Board for 31 years, she has developed innovative learning strategies to support both children and teachers. Ruth was drawn to Godly Play's exemplary, playful, open-ended methodology and its intense respect for the intelligence and spirituality of the child.

Andrew Sheldon immediately recognized the value of this innovative program and became an early advocate of Godly Play in the Diocese of Toronto and an accredited trainer in 2009. He is an Anglican priest and an experienced adult educator and trainer. Besides being a gifted Godly Play Trainer and Storyteller, Andrew is inventive, playful and thought-provoking. Expect to be challenged and inspired by his leadership.

For more information about this event and to learn more about overnight accommodations, please contact Andrew Sheldon, registrar/coordinator by email: andrew@stgeorgesonthehill.ca or by phone: 416.239.2341, ext.103.

Training Registration

The registration fee is \$325, including meals (supper on Thursday, lunch and supper on Friday, lunch on Saturday), snacks, and training binder. \$100 is non-refundable. \$225 is refundable if cancellation occurs 14 days or more before the event - otherwise the fee is forfeited. Fee can be transferred to another participant for the current Core Training.

Space is limited to 24 participants. Please register [here](#).

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