GET INVOLVED

Parents are an integral part of children's spiritual development as well as valuable resources in supporting the CTG program. Volunteering for a special event or within a classroom setting often provides an unexpected joy Older youth are welcome to volunteer as well by contacting the Director.

Trinity CTG is a nut free zone. A healthy snack is provided for the children during class time. This allows for the practice of saying a blessing which encourages thankfulness and gratitude.

CTG EVENTS

- Welcome Home Picnic
- Christmas Pageant
- Mardi Gras activities
- Easter Egg Hunt
- God's Earth Day celebration
- Movie Night with your Family
- Children Showcase in the Spring
- Trinity Church Picnic
- Vacation Bible School

CTG WEEKLY

- Practicing of songs or readings
- Assisting with projects
- Helping with passing of snacks
- Set up and cleanup of rooms
- Involvement in special events
- Communication with Director

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Inclusive of the traditional classroom learning, many of our children are encouraged to participate in the worship service itself as Acolytes, and Choir members. Our young people can begin as early as kindergarten in our Cherub Choir.

Participation in several outreach projects throughout the year as well as Special Events are encouraged. A Youth Service scheduled periodically encourages our children to participate in reading of the lessons or Gospel, preaching, ushering and assisting with the Lord's Supper.

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MISSION AND CURRICULUM

The Children's Ministry of Trinity Church faithfully and dynamically responds to God's call to educate and mentor the spiritual development of our youth, enabling them to flourish in a complex world.

Our mission:

- To provide a comprehensive Christian education for all children to seek and know God through his son, Jesus Christ.
- To guide and encourage a lifelong relationship with Christ by following his teachings and commandments.
- To inspire regular worship within our Episcopal faith community.

Trinity's ***Children's Time with God*** (CTG) focuses on 5 areas of study:

- Biblical Literacy
- Understanding Christianity
- Being an Episcopalian
- Real Life Applications
- Christian Living

Godly Play provides the foundational curriculum with supplements from other sources such the Bible, Book of Common Prayer and the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut's Education department. Students gather for community building and then enter into sacred space for story, music and prayer. During telling of ***The Story*** children practice appropriate listening and behavior skills so they may be well equipped to participate fully in a church setting as they mature.

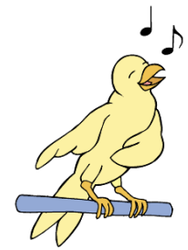
Children then go to their assigned rooms for additional education and supplemental projects. Each group will respond to the theme of the story in a variety of age appropriate ways through music, art, drama and contemplation.

Seeking and knowing God

Journaling with Jesus

Bible Diving

Contemplating with Anglican prayer beads



Worshiping with song

FOCUS OF STUDY

Children's Time with God is held from September till June 3, 2012. You will find a weekly list of class subjects posted in the Parish Hall, at the Nursery School entrance and on the web at www.trinitysouthport.org.

Our teachers have been trained in Godly Play instruction and are experienced in providing support and guiding of our children on their spiritual path. Teachers are required to be certified by the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut through ***Safe Church*** a program for awareness of prevention of any type of abuse. Should any questions or concerns occur you should contact the Director, Sharon Turlis at 203.255.0454 x302 or by email at churchschool@trinitysouthport.org

For children to become active and eager participants in the worship it is important for them to understand the rituals and tool used.

- Children are exposed to Old and New Testament lessons and stories in the Bible and how they relate to their own stories, time and place.
- Children practice their Episcopal faith using the Book of Common Prayer including knowing the Lord's Prayer and following along during a worship service with the proper responses
- All baptized children are welcome at the Lord's Supper
- Children study the stories of Jesus Christ's life that provide templates for Christian Living in present day life that includes loving God and loving our neighbors.

MEETING TIMES

- Gathering and Parent sign in begins at 9:45am in the Parish Hall. The lighting of the candle to signify sacred space starts at 10am.
- Children return to Parents in church for the Peace and Lord's Supper.
- Nursery is available from 9:45 until the end of the 10AM service for birth thru 3 years.