

Ten Best Ways for Parents

One Godly Play lesson tells children about the Ten Best Ways to live. This is the story of the Ten Commandments that God gave to God's People.

Here we offer "Ten Best Ways" for parents – not commandments, but ways we invite you as parents to share more fully in your child's Godly Play experience.

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1. Godly Play sessions take place on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:40.
2. **Please help your children be on time.** They won't want to miss a minute!
3. **The Godly Play circle is built slowing and lovingly, to welcome each child, one at a time. When children arrive, they wait outside the door while one of us helps them get ready to join the circle.**
4. **Please say your goodbyes at the door,** and know that the teachers are ready to make the next hour a safe and welcoming one for every child.
5. When you pick up your child, keep in mind that young children will not always be able to tell you what they learned, because what they learned was *how* to learn about their spirituality.
6. Also keep in mind that children will not always be able to show you a physical product for their "work" that day, because some of what they've learned cannot be put into words even by adults. In Godly Play, we focus on our relationship with God and the depths of relationships in the community of children.
7. **Please don't come into the room during class.** We want the Godly Play room to be a special place for the community of children. Even the teachers keep their profiles low during a Godly Play session!
8. We would be happy to welcome you on a visit to the Godly Play room outside of session time. Contact us through the church office to arrange a visit or to ask any questions you might have about the program.
9. We welcome volunteers to support the teachers and the community of children by preparing the weekly "feast," by taking care of the classroom and materials, and by making materials that the children and teachers will use.
10. **We hope you will attend a parent open house this fall.** This is your chance to experience Godly Play and process together with other parents.