



Montclair Presbyterian Church

JOB DESCRIPTION Godly Play Teacher 2015-2016

OVERVIEW

Montclair Presbyterian Church's Godly Play Teacher will be responsible for providing our school-age children with a church school program on Sunday mornings. The Teacher will support our growing and thriving program by providing a consistent, loving presence in our younger classroom (PreK through 3rd grade) most Sundays of the month. The Teacher will create a safe, sacred space within the Godly Play classroom where children learn to slow down, speak more quietly, talk to God, and listen to God. The Teacher will additionally be an advocate for Godly Play Philosophy.

The Teacher will primarily be the "Storyteller," leading the children through a Bible story from the Godly Play curriculum, using hand-crafted figures and picture cards. A layperson ("Greeter") will assist the Teacher each Sunday. The Teacher will be provided with the Godly Play story schedule, and will be required to memorize the story each week. The flow of the class is consistent from week to week: greeting the children, building the circle, telling the story, wondering aloud, responding to the story (child's choice of art or exploring another story), sharing the Feast (snack), talking about our joys and worries, praying, and concluding with an individual goodbye for each child. The Teacher may also be asked to be the Storyteller in our older classroom (4-6 grade), be a Greeter in either classroom, and to lead a special program or non-Godly Play activity on certain Sundays.

COMPENSATION AND TERM OF CONTRACT

The Teacher will work three to four Sundays a month for a total of 40-50 weeks per year, approximately 5 hours per week when teaching on Sunday, and will be paid \$100 per week worked. Hours are 9:30 am - 11:30 am on Sundays plus about three additional flexible hours during the week to prepare the Sunday story or activity, organize story pieces and art materials, and meet with staff and volunteers. Up to 20 hours of yearly Godly Play training will be provided (these hours paid at \$20/hour); the first training opportunity is Sunday, September 20. The contract term is 12 months. The Teacher is under the direct supervision of the Associate Pastor.

GODLY PLAY

Godly Play is a Montessori-based Christian education program that helps children to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language, and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Godly Play values process, openness, discovery, community, and relationships. More information on Godly Play can be found at godlyplayfoundation.org and YouTube. A PDF of our brochure introducing families to the program can be found here: http://www.mpcfamilly.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/Godly-Play-Flier_July_-2015.pdf

ABOUT US

Our congregation is a unique and theologically diverse group, committed to inclusion and acceptance. Read our Mission Study and the 2015 Addendum at <http://www.mpcfamilly.org/about-us/our-mission-and-vision/mission-study-team-resource-page/>

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