



THE INVITATION

"The child is not an object to be formed or molded, but a person to be accompanied on their journey toward the discovery of God." -Sofia Cavalletti

In Godly Play, the spirituality of all ages is nurtured through wonder, narrative, rhythm, and play. We invite you individually or in community to experience a story, reflect, and respond, engaging in some of the rhythms in this guide.

FACES OF EASTER V

Jesus came back across the River Jordan and began to do his work... but what was his work? His work was to come close to people, especially the people no one else wanted to come close to... When Jesus came close to people, they changed... Jesus also told Parables. Finally, he knew that he had to become a Parable, so he turned toward Jerusalem for the last time.



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WE WONDER

Wondering is an open-ended practice where each person makes meaning for themselves. Engaging in active listening and being present with one another, there are no right answers but rather opportunities to say, "I wonder that too."

At the end of this story, we wonder together:

I wonder what it means to come close to people, especially people no one else wants to come close to?

I wonder if you've ever felt like you or part of your life is a parable?

I wonder what has made you feel changed?

I wonder what you might add to the story about Jesus' work and parables?



WE RESPOND

When we respond to the story or to anything that may be present in our lives, the focus for this time is on process and not product. Whether it's coloring, drawing, sculpting with clay, reading, meditating, the gift of this time and space should support each person to express themselves in the way they see fit.

BLESSING

May you be able to discover and do your work.

May you have the courage to come close to others, especially others no one else wants to come close to.

May you encounter the transforming power of love in your own life and in the lives of others.

May your life be a Parable.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Tune in to our podcast, [Mess Makes Meaning](#) or visit our Everyday Godly Play page [HERE](#).

