

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The main goals of our Sunday School program this year have been to introduce and familiarize our children with church ritual and tradition, to teach them the Bible stories, and to invite our children to feel comfortable asking and discussing their questions about God and the Bible.

In Sunday School each week, we read a Bible story that is related to the lectionary reading for that week. We have continued from last year to discuss feelings and wonder questions from the story, and something that was added this year was to use a whiteboard easel for the children to create a collaborative picture of what happened in the story. This helps the children to connect with and understand the Bible stories as they put them into their own words and pictures.

I continue to incorporate church ritual into the Sunday School program. Each week we talk about which church season we are in and what it means, incorporating the colours of the season into our setup. We light a candle each week that reminds us that God is with us during our Sunday School time, and incorporate an advent wreath during the season of Advent. The children love to look at our visual illustration (pie chart) of the church year to see which season we are in. They are always interested in the different colours used to celebrate each part of the church year.

As Sunday School coordinator I feel thankful to continue to have the opportunity to learn and wonder along with our children. I look forward to continuing in 2017.

I would like to thank all of the parents for their support as well as Angie and Kelly who have stepped in to teach when I have been away, Lydia who has often helped me find materials, Lynn who showed our Advent slide show presentation at Christmas Eve service in my absence, and Rev. Michelle who has been a helpful guidance and support as I coordinate the Sunday School program at St. Mikes.

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