

Learning styles

Activist/Reflector//Theorist/Pragmatist

We all experience the world around us through our senses...

VISUAL : seeing (graphs, charts, diagrams, symbols, images, pictures)

AUDITORY : listening (lectures, discussions, tapes, words)

KINAESTHETIC : experience – moving, touching, doing
(active, ‘hands on’ exploration of world)

We have individual preferences...

- 29% of people are visual learners
- 34% of people are auditory learners
- 37% of people are tactile learners

How do you best learn??

Visual	Kinesthetic	Auditory
Picture	Gestures	Listening
Shape	Body movements	Rhythms
Sculpture	Object manipulation	Tone
Paintings	Positioning	Chants

Godly Play

Developed in the United States by Dr. Jerome Berryman as a method of Christian education and spiritual nurture for children aged 2-12.

It has a creative and imaginative approach to telling Bible stories or presenting parables or lessons about traditions, using symbols and objects as well as words.

It invites listeners into the stories and encourages them to connect the stories with personal experience.

The goal is to teach the art of using religious language – parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action – to enable meaningful participation in worship.

Godly Play is now being used with a wide range of age groups in a variety of settings – schools, hospitals, care homes for the elderly.

Language...

Open, economic but with Biblical truth

Simple but not simplistic

Child like but not childish

Silence...

Powerful

Pauses allow time to take the words in/ process what's been said

Wondering questions...

A way of reflecting and responding to a story

I wonder... what you like best about this story?

... which is the most important part?

...where you are in this story?

A child's version of the spiritual practice of lectio divina...

Encourages movement into larger dimensions of belief and faith.

Resources

YOU!

Your own circumstances, interests, skills

Art

Music

Poems

Your church – the building, symbolism

Your fellow worshippers

Books, films, radio, TV

Places to find inspiration and ideas:

ROOTS Ecumenical lectionary based resources in 2 magazines (Adult & All Age and Children & Young People) plus a library of on line material
Subscribe to access www.rootsontheweb.com

BRF Barnabas in Churches www.barnabasinchurches Lots of 'Ideas to Use'

Going for Growth Church of England website with a lot of information and resources
www.going4growth.co.uk

worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.co.uk written by American Presbyterian, Carolyn Brown
Lectionary based blog about intergenerational worship with ways to read and explore Scripture to draw children as well as adults into worship.

www.textweek.com Look under "with children" and "fine art images"

www.miat.org.au/jesus-laughing-ex A collection of paintings from around the world designed to 'make Jesus living, loving and personal'

Art by Henry Martin Gentle, humorous illustrations of Bible stories; some as powerpoint
Find in www.sermons4kids

Scripture Union www.scriptureunion.org.uk

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland Worship resources for Remembrance, Harvest
www.ctbi.org.uk under Spirituality and Reflection

www.christianaid.org.uk Worship resources under Children in Church

The life of Jesus MAFA Pictures of the life and teaching of Jesus viewed as if he lived in a village in Cameroon